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The Midas Touch

1. ERIC P. NEWMAN

TEMPLETON REID		FINE	VERY FINE	EXT. FINE	UNC.
1830	$2.50	2,500.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 5,000.00	-----
1830	5.00		-----	-----	-----
1830	10.00		-----	-----	-----
1830	10.00 (no date)		-----	-----	-----
1849	10.00 ALSO. NOBV. RESTRIKES		MINT COLLECTION (UNIQUE)		
1849	25.00 ALSO. NOBV. RESTRIKES	THE ONLY SPECIMEN KNOWN WAS STOLEN FROM CABINET OF THE U.S. MINT ON AUGUST 16, 1858. IT WAS NEVER RECOVERED.			

THE BECHTLERS

$1	28gr. N reversed ...	85.00	115.00	135.00	225.00
1	28gr. without star	275.00	400.00	575.00	775.00
1	28gr. with star NEWCOMER	85.00 VF-UNIQUE	~~115.00~~	~~135.00~~	~~225.00~~
1	30gr. 2501	135.00	175.00	225.00	335.00
2.50	67gr. 21 carats	300.00	335.00	375.00	475.00
2.50	70gr. 20 carats	325.00	335.00	400.00	500.00
2.50	64gr. 22 carats	300.00	335.00	375.00	475.00
2.50	64gr. 22 carats (even 22)	500.00	625.00	700.00	900.00
"Gold" ABOVE 2.50					
2.50	75gr. 20 carats (Rutherford in a circle) BORDER OF LARGE BEADS	650.00	700.00	725.00	950.00
2.50	75gr. without 75gr.	650.00	700.00	725.00	950.00
2.50	20 carats on obv. 75gr. on rev.	1,250.00	1,375.00	1,500.00	-----
5.00	140gr. 20 carats (date August 1, 1834 RUTHERFORD) PLAIN & REEDED EDGES	300.00	375.00	425.00	575.00
5.00	134gr. 21 carats	325.00	350.00	400.00	500.00
5.00	150gr. 20 carats	650.00	750.00	850.00	1,250.00
5.00	150gr. 20 carats (without 150gr.)	1,850.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	3,500.00
5.00	128gr. 22 carats (RUTHERFORD)	350.00	425.00	550.00	750.00
5.00	128gr. 22 carats (RUTHERF)	300.00	350.00	400.00	500.00
5.00	Obv. C. Bechtler Rev. A. Bechtler (A.N.A. 1956 SALE, EF $5,000.00) (~~UNIQUE~~) CHAPMAN RESTRIKES IN gold + COPPER				
5.00	140gr. 20 carats (date August 1, 1834 RUTHERF.)	300.00	350.00	400.00	500.00
2.50 75gr. Without 75gr. "Carolina" above 2.50 instead of "gold".			UNIQUE - WALTON SALE - 1963 - EF $2,200.00		

A. BECHTLER

1.00	27gr. 21 carats	85.00	115.00	150.00	275.00
5.00	134gr. 21 carats	275.00	300.00	375.00	475.00
5.00	128gr. 22 carats	275.00	300.00	375.00	475.00
5.00	141gr. 20 carats	300.00	350.00	450.00	550.00

ANONYMOUS GOLD INGOT	FINE	VERY FINE	EXT. FINE	UNC.
$10 1849 (Unique)	LEAVE IN RED BOOK ____	REMOVE FROM RED BOOK ____		

NORRIS, GRIEG & NORRIS

$ 5.00 1849 (Plain edge)	350.00	500.00	750.00	1,000.00
5.00 1849 (Reeded edge)	350.00	500.00	750.00	1,000.00
5.00 1850 (Stockton beneath date)		(UNIQUE)		

MEYERS & COMPANY

$ 18.00 Ingot (Unique) .... LEAVE IN RED BOOK ____ REMOVE FROM RED BOOK ____

MOFFAT & COMPANY

$ 9.43 Ingot (Unique)		MINT COLLECTION		
14.25 Ingot	(A.N.A. 1956 SALE VF $9,250.00) Unique			
16.00 Ingot	-----	-----	-----	-----
(Beware of spurious specimens)				
10.00 1849 (Ten dol.) ...	375.00	500.00	750.00	-----
10.00 1849 (Ten d.)	500.00	750.00	1,000.00	-----
5.00 1849 (All varieties)	250.00	325.00	400.00	575.00
5.00 1850 (All varieties)	250.00	375.00	500.00	750.00

AUGUSTUS HUMBERT

50.00 1851 50DC 880 thous. (No 50)	2,000.00	2,500.00	3,500.00	-----
50.00 1851 50DC 880 thous. (50 rev.)	2,250.00	2,750.00	3,750.00	-----
50.00 1851 (887thous.)	2,250.00	2,750.00	3,750.00	-----
50.00 1851 (887thous.) no 50 rev.	2,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	-----
50.00 1851 50DC (880thous.) Rev. rays from central star	LEAVE IN RED BOOK ___	REMOVE FROM RED BK ___		
(UNIQUE) - PELTZER-MACALLISTER-CLARKE 1956 NEW NETHERLANDS SALE $3,000.00				
50.00 1851 880thous. target rev.	1,400.00	1,875.00	2,500.00	-----
50.00 1851 887thous. target rev.	1,400.00	1,750.00	2,250.00	-----
50.00 1852 887thous.	1,400.00	1,875.00	2,500.00	-----
10.00 1852	350.00	650.00	850.00	~~1,250.00~~
20.00 1852/1	1,875.00	2,500.00	3,500.00	-----
10.00 1852/1	300.00	400.00	600.00	-----
10.00 1852	275.00	350.00	475.00	-----
50.00 1852 (887thous.)	1,400.00	1,750.00	2,225.00	-----
50.00 1852 (900thous.)	1,400.00	1,875.00	2,500.00	-----

Augustus Humbert (Continued)	FINE	VERY FINE	EXT. FINE	UNC.
$10.00 1852 (884thous.)	300.00	400.00	475.00	600.00
10.00 1853 (884thous.)	600.00	750.00	1,000.00	----
10.00 1853 (900thous.)	550.00	700.00	1,000.00	----
20.00 1853 (884thous.)	1,250.00	1,750.00	2,000.00	----
20.00 1853 (900thous.)	300.00	400.00	500.00	650.00

(BEWARE OF SPURIOUS SPECIMENS IN "PROOF" CONDITION)

U.S. ASSAY OFFICE DISKS

20.00 1853 1 ounce 900thous. LEAVE IN RED BK ___ REMOVE FROM RED BK ___

20.00 1853 (Last Moffat issue)	450.00	600.00	750.00	~~900.00~~

CINCINNATI MINING & TRADING COMPANY USE LESS SPACE IN Guide Book

5.00 1849	----	----	----	----
10.00 1849	----	----	----	----
20.00 1849 (Copper)	----	----	----	----

MASSACHUSETTS AND CALIFORNIA COMPANY

5.00 1849 (BEWARE OF SPURIOUS SPECIMENS) ~~Brand specimen~~ 1964 Waldorf sale PROOF $8,750.00
GENUINE HAVE FIVE D. — OTHERS ARE RESTRIKES
10.00 1849 (Brass) LEAVE IN RED BOOK ____ REMOVE FROM RED BK ____

MINERS' BANK

10.00 1849	2,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	----

J. S. ORMSBY

5.00 1849	----	----	----	----
10.00 1849	----	15,000.00	----	----

PACIFIC & COMPANY

1.00 1849 (Known in silver & tin) Brand specimen in tin 1964 Waldorf sale FINE $750.00
2.50 1849 (Known in silver only) Brand specimen in silver 1964 Waldorf sale UNC. $1,500.00
5.00 1849 ..... Brand specimen 1964 Waldorf sale ABT. UNC. $18,000.00
10.00 1849 ..... Brand specimen 1964 Waldorf sale EXT. FINE $24,000.00

F. D. KOHLER

everything as is ONE KNOWN OF EACH — $40.07 STOLEN FROM MINT CABINET IN 1858

$41.68 SAN FRANCISCO (Ingot)
— RECENT discovery —

BLAKE & AGNELL, ASSAYERS	FINE	VERY FINE	EXT. FINE	UNC.
1855 $25.00 Ingot (Unique)	LEAVE IN RED BK.___	REMOVE FROM RED BK.___		
1855 23.30 Ingot (Unique)	LEAVE IN RED BK.___	REMOVE FROM RED BK.___		

BLAKE & COMPANY				
1855 $20.00	LEAVE IN RED BK.___	REMOVE FROM RED BK.___		

DUBOSQ & COMPANY				
2.50 1849 (Trial piece in copper)	----	----	----	----
5.00 1849 (Trial piece in copper)	----	----	----	----
5.00 1850	----	----	----	----
10.00 1850	----	----	----	----

BALDWIN & COMPANY				
10.00 1850 (Horseman) RESTRIKES IN VARIOUS METALS	4,000.00	5,000.00	8,000.00
5.00	750.00	950.00	1,250.00	----
10.00 1851	2,500.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	----
20.00 1851	----	----	----	----

JAMES KING OF WILLIAM & COMPANY				
1851 $20.00	LEAVE IN RED BK.___	REMOVE FROM RED BK.___		

SCHULTZ & COMPANY				
5.00 1851 WALTON 1963 SALE $8,250.00 VF	4,500.00	6,500.00	8,500.00	----

DUNBAR & COMPANY				
5.00 1851 WALTON 1963 SALE $11,250.00 EF	6,500.00	8,500.00	10,000.00	----

WASS, MOLITOR & COMPANY				
5.00 1852 (Small head) Rounded Bust	500.00	750.00	1,000.00	----
5.00 1852 (Large head) Pointed Bust	650.00	800.00	1,250.00	----
10.00 1852 (Large head) Wide Date	350.00	450.00	650.00	----
10.00 1852 (Small head) Close Date	850.00	1,000.00	~~1,500.00~~	----
10.00 1855	750.00	850.00	1,250.00	----
20.00 1855 (Small head)	1,250.00	1,500.00	~~2,000.00~~	----
20.00 1855 (Large head)	----	----	----	----
50.00 1855	2,500.00	3,500.00	4,500.00	7,500.00

KELLOGG & COMPANY			FINE	VERY FINE	EXT. FINE	UNC.
$20.00	1854	.....	$ 350.00	$ 400.00	$ 500.00	----
20.00	1854	(Short arrows)	375.00	425.00	550.00	----
20.00	1855	.....	375.00	425.00	525.00	----
20.00	1855	(Short arrows)	375.00	450.00	550.00	----
20.00	1855	(Shattered date with last "5" appearing as a "3")	400.00	475.00	575.00	----
50.00	1855	13 KNOWN.... 3 PROOFS	----	----	----	----

OREGON EXCHANGE COMPANY						
5.00	1849	.....	2,000.00	2,500.00	3,500.00	----
10.00	1849	WALTON 1963 SALE $10,500.00 VF	7,500.00	8,500.00	10,500.00	----

MORMON						
2.50	1849	.....	550.00	750.00	900.00	----
5.00	1849	.....	400.00	475.00	575.00	----
5.00	1850	.....	425.00	500.00	600.00	----
10.00	1849	WALTON SALE $14000.00	12,500.00	15,000.00	17,500.00	----
20.00	1849	WALTON SALE $6000.00	4,500.00	5,500.00	6,500.00	----
5.00	1860	.....		1,150.00	1,500.00	1,750.00

CLARK, GRUBER & COMPANY						
2.50	1860	.....	300.00	400.00	475.00	600.00
5.00	1860	.....	400.00	475.00	575.00	700.00
10.00	1860	.....	750.00	1,150.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
20.00	1860	WALTON SALE $4750.00	4,250.00	5,000.00	6,500.00	----
2.50	1861	.....	300.00	400.00	500.00	650.00
5.00	1861	.....	400.00	500.00	600.00	750.00
10.00	1861	.....	400.00	475.00	575.00	~~1,000.00~~
20.00	1861	.....	1,000.00	1,250.00	1,750.00	----

JOHN PARSONS & COMPANY						
1860	20 dols. ingot	.....	LEAVE IN RED BK.___		REMOVE FROM RED BK.___	
1861	$2.50	.....	----	----	----	----
1861	5.00	BEWARE CASTING	----	----	----	----

J. J. CONWAY & COMPANY						
1861	2.50	.....	Brand specimen 1964 Waldorf sale ABT. UNC. $13,500.00			
1861	5.00	.....	----	----	----	----
1861	5.00	(without 5 on rev.)--- POSSIBLY SPURIOUS			----	----
1861	10.00	.....	----	----	----	----
1861	5.00	(without 5 on rev.) Struck over 1845 $5.00 gold				

February 1, 1965

Mr. Ronnie Carr
P.O. Box 1113
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Dear Mr. Carr:

Thank you for your letter of January 29, 1965 indicating that you would send me what information you have on proof Assay Office Double Eagles.

On behalf of our study group, I will be very interested to receive your findings concerning the coins you have seen, including the name of the owner and the approximate date when you saw the coins, etc.

I note in your suggestions for the Red Book that you have put under the section relating to Humbert, "beware of spurious specimens in proof condition." I believe you should be more specific as to the coin or coins you intend this comment to refer to because it is at the end of a group and in a separate line.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

cc
Mr. Abe Kosoff

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Spoke to Ronnie Carr 2096862924 2/5/65

He said Kagins sold 1853 US Assay proof to Frank Helm, PO Box H, Modesto Calif who knew little about coins but who returned the coin to Kagin who now has it. Carr apparently told Helm to return it

Carr said only info he had on opinions 1853 US Assay was cast one he saw He said this was shown to him in Detroit by Pitman and that it was owned by Tobias of N.Y. I asked how he knew it was cast + he said by the centrifugal casting circles like a target which were on the face of the coin. I said I did not believe this reflected casting. He said that was all the data he had.

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May 20,1965

Mr. Ronnie Carr
Post Office Box 1113
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Dear Mr. Carr:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 17 with respect to the 1853 U.S.Assay Office double eagles.

As you know, the study project with respect to them was undertaken by a group of five people,and I would like your permission to send to each of them a copy of your letter. The group is: James Sloss, John Pittman, George Fuld, Abe Kosoff,and myself. The thought was that all five should agree on matters with respect to the study rather than have individuals give their separate thoughts.

Whatever Pittman does or whatever your private gold committee recommends can, of course, be entirely independent of our group; however, due to the illness of two members of our group, we are somewhat handicapped for the present.

May I hear from you as to sending your letter to the other members of our group.

Sincerely yours,

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May 27, 1965

Mr. Ronnie Carr
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Dear Mr. Carr:

Thank you for your letter of May 24. I will send copies of your letter to our committee members.

I certainly agree with you that the Guide Book owes the collecting public all of its knowledge. The Guide Book is, apparently, relying on you with respect to American private gold issues and our committee has been beset with health problems which have delayed any action on its behalf. Jim Gloss, the organizer of the committee, had an open heart valve operation and cannot read and can barely talk and will not be able to return to his practice until this fall. He is slowly coming back to normal. George Fold has been forced to follow his doctor's advice and avoid numismatic research for the present.

You will recall that in our conversation some months ago you stated that you had seen a great many Territorial gold pieces in a safe deposit box and I believe it would be very helpful if you would write me the approximate date, the place, who showed them to you, and what coins you saw. Would you be nice enough to forward that information.

Sincerely yours,

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June 9, 1965

Mr. J. C. Browning
219 East St. Charles Road
Elmhurst, Illinois

Dear Jake:

This letter is in regards to a portion of our conversation held during the Metropolitan New York Numismatic Convention in New York City.

John J. Ford, Jr. informed me that recently Paul Franklin obtained two choice Clark Gruber & Company 1861 double eagles. The best specimen John Ford, Jr. himself offered to me and later you purchased the piece. The other coin, as you remember, was in the bourse of Lester Merkin of New York. Lester told me that he got the coin from John Ford, Jr. After inspecting both coins briefly, and after considering several ownerships, I recommended to you that it would be wise to have the specimen you purchased [redacted], checked out to be sure. Lately sure it was genuine. Both coins in question have something about them that reminds me of the "proof-like" Assay Office double eagles. Also I believe the Gruber coins will be heavy in weight. In any event, please take the time to send your coin for authenticating. Only one person comes to mind who is honest (with no axe to grind) and most confidential. This person is Mr. Eric P. Newman, Numismatic Education Society, 6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri.

Although your coin undoubedly is genuine, it is indeed unusual in such conditdon. So why not be completely sure for the price you paid. Now days it is best to be safe.

Sorry we didn't have time for some social pleasures ... but next time for sure. Also regret we both wanted the same coins. You did acquire the finest 1839-D half eagle and a lovely "Queen of Quality" in the the proof 1831 quarter eagle.

Please extend my very best wishes to Mrs. Browning and perhaps I shall sell her my diet secrets. I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr
cc: Mr. Eric P. Newman

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June 8, 1965

Mr. Herbert Tobias
P. O. Box 532, Church Street Station
New York, New York

Dear Herb:

This letter is sent to you in confidence.

As you know the Red Book will have some up-to-date information in the Private Issue gold section this year. I am pleased with the revision and I'm also sure you will be. Private Issue gold is a very important part of good collecting and you always have the finest available material in that field as well as regular United States. I have always regarded you as a gentlemen with choice offerings and an asset to our Numismatic Society. You certainly proved this when you submitted your 1953 Assay Office double eagle for inspecting to the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society. I told you several years ago during the ANA at Detroit I thought the coin was "spurious". You took the piece from your case and later presented it for authenticating. It is unfortunate that after the piece was returned to you, a more complete explanation was not given you as to the results and findings of the Committee ... but remember Herb illness among two members of the Committee held the hands of the remainder. I believe shortly it is more than possible a good article will appear in regards to the "so-called" proof Assay double eagles.

In order to check out all details on the Assay double eagles some vital information is required. This information you have. As I remember at the Statler Convention in Los Angeles a number of months ago, you made mention to me at the bourse table of John J. Ford, Jr. that you purchased the "proof" Assay double eagle you have from Paul Franklin. Would you do me a personal favor and send me the approximate date you bought the coin, price paid and <u>if by check</u>. This information will be of such value it is impossible to express the importance. Only myself and one other investigating person will know your answers. All is quite confitential. PLEASE, Herb at your convenience forward me the above information.

Also I still believe you should hold on to the Moffat & Company $16.00 ingot I authenticated for you. It is one of the finest known specimens and well worth keeping until you have realized a worthwhile profit. I remain,

Most cordially,

The Midas Touch

Ronnie

Memo From —

HERBERT TOBIAS
P.O. Box 532, Church St. Station — New York 8, New York

June 17, 1965

Ronnie Carr
P.O. Box 1113
Tulare, Calif.

Dear Ron:-

Please be advised that the purchase of the Kessy piece was made in cash. I have gone over all of my old checks & stubs and couldn't come up with anything. I thought it was bought on a cash basis but I wanted to make sure and so I dug into my old files and couldn't find a check made out to Paul Franklin. I believe it to be the 1962 May New York Metropolitan Convention in which the purchase of the Kessy piece was bought from Paul Franklin.

Memo From —

HERBERT TOBIAS
P.O. Box 532, Church St. Station — New York 8, New York

Two weeks ago Ford called and asked to have the coin for special examination. I gave him the coin which he ~~sent~~ said he was going to send to a Bronx hospital. Yesterday the coin was returned to me by Charlie Norman. Two weeks ago when Ford called he said he was going to knock out once and for all, all the talk that these coins are phonies.

Thank you for your lovely letter.

Sincerely yours,

Herb

June 25,1965

Ronnie Carr:

Thank you for sending me the Tobias letter of June 17. If you want to write him again I suggest that you ask him how much he paid for the Assay Office piece now that he has given the source or do you already know.

Research on the problem is continuing, but as soon as the Red Book comes out I imagin e that there is going to be comment on your comment. I will be interested to kno what you hear.

I look forward to meeting you some day and to thank you for your kind remarks and help.

Sincerely,

EPN

From the desk of

ERIC P. NEWMAN

Memo From —

HERBERT TOBIAS
P.O. Box 532, Church St. Station — New York 8, New York

July 6, 1965

Ronnie Carr
Tulare, Calif.

Dear Ronnie:

Please be advised that the Assay piece cost me $675. This amount was paid to Paul Franklin.

I was curious about Mr John Fordé remarks on the Assay piece. Has he been communicating with any of you with regards to the results of the tests he has undertaken?

Memo From —

HERBERT TOBIAS
P.O. Box 532, Church St. Station — New York 8, New York

As you know by now Ford took my piece for his own examination and study. His remarks were that he was going to stop once and for all the phoney talk about the assay pieces. Have you heard from him at all? Has anyone written to him or spoken to him to find out just what he has to say now regarding this matter?

Sincerely yours,

Herb

FORM #105

MEMORANDUM July 13,1965

TO Mr. Ronnie Carr FROM Eric P.Newman

Dear Ronnie:

Thank you for the note of Herbert Tobias as to the Assay Office matter.

I, personally, know nothing about any research which John Ford has undertaken with respect to the matter so I cannot give you any information with which to answer Tobias.

I also would like to know from you who might be conducting research on the "exceptional pieces" which are listed in the Red Book. It indicates that research is going on and I wonder where. As you may know, the committee, of which I am a member, is working only on the $20 U.S.Assay Office matter.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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2/9/66

Spoke to Ronnie Carr at Elks Club. Told him I felt the panel should ask our group's opinion if they wanted it.

He told me Jerry Cole knows a man who has info on historical [illegible] but wont talk because he is employed in teaching in a degree and is [illegible] to talk on his own, or [illegible] is reluctant to do so.

[illegible]

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February 24, 1986

Mr. Donald Orr, Coordinator
Special Panel on Private Issue Gold for the Red Cross
P. O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Donald:

Your letter of February 21, 1986, is at hand and a copy thereof is being sent to each of the members of the GSAQG group.

I would specifically like to know from you exactly who was in attendance at the special panel meeting in Los Angeles and whether the vote to request the opinion of our group was unanimous or otherwise.

The time given is rather short, but we will see what our group decides to do. I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate the confidence that you have placed in our group.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. SHERAN
President

EPS/dsl

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February 27, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for yours of the 24th.

The special panel on Private Issue Gold for the Red Book met at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles with two purposes. One, to adjust some price quotations, second, to discuss the comment, "beware of spurious specimens in "PROOF"", on the 1853 U. S. Assay double eagles.

It was the unanimous opinion of our group to request the opinion of your members investigating the USAOG. Abe Kosoff and John J. Ford, Jr. were not in attendance. Abe had to be at the bank vault in the morning and could not be present. John retired early in morning and wasn't up until nearly noon.

From personal conversation with both parties it is my opinion that Abe wanted to be present in order to protect his interest in the piece he has. Abe is stubborn on the matter and wants the present quotation taken out of the Red Book or a comment made that 1 is known in "proof". John, on the other hand, resents our group and your group for doubting his comments that "no spurious specimens exist". He doesnout like the idea that you or anyone else questions his knowledge. He wants to keep his power as "TSAR". He also apparently has no use for Dr. George Fuld's opinions. He also feels you are being used.

I trust this letter and personal comments will be kept in strict confidence.

Awaiting your decision with utmost concern and interest, I remain,

Most cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Coordinator SPECIAL PANEL ON PRIVATE ISSUE GOLD FOR THE RED BOOK

The Midas Touch

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California

Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

February 27, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for yours of the 24th.

The special panel on Private Issue Gold for the Red Book met at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles with two purposes. One, to adjust some price quotations, second, to discuss the comment, "beware of spurious specimens in "PROOF"", on the 1853 U. S. Assay double eagles.

It was the unanimous opinion of our group to request the opinion of your members investigating the USAOG. Abe Kosoff and John J. Ford, Jr. were not in attendance. Abe had to be at the bank vault in the morning and could not be present. John retired early in morning and wasn't up until nearly noon.

From personal conversation with both parties it is my opinion that Abe wanted to be present in order to protect his interest in the piece he has. Abe is stubborn on the matter and wants the present quotation taken out of the Red Book or a comment made that 1 is known in "proof". John, on the other hand, resents our group and your group for doubting his comments that "no spurious specimens exist". He doesnout like the idea that you or anyone else questions his knowledge. He wants to keep his power as "TSAR". He also apparently has no use for Dr. George Fuld's opinions. He also feels you are being used.

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March 4, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I have before me the Abe Kosoff letter of March 1, 1966 to you. (Pertaining to the USAOG "Proof" pieces)

Some points that Abe has made are somewhat confusing to me. He apparently cannot see our listing in the Red Book of the caution statement unless we are ready to say that the coins are questionable. It seems to me we are asking whether or not they are questionable and he particularly has been asked if they are, in his opinion. He further states, and I quote, "I think we have come to a conclusion that they definitely are not Proofs- at least that is our opinion." End quote. If this is so, then how can he be against our listing a caution statement? He is admitting he doesnot feel they are proof condition pieces.

From information I received recently, it is not positive that the Abe Kosoff specimen is the same Zabriski-Farouk specimen. Apparently the original Humbert piece, as sold in the 1944 Bell sale by Stack's, is, according to Ben Stack, not the Kosoff coin. So it would be difficult to list in the Red Book the comment that one is known in brilliant proof condition. It seems to me that Abe is attempting to protect the sale of his piece without regard to facts or other possible specimens in "proof".

It seems to me that Abe cannot come out with a positive statement as to his real opinions. The question is, does he feel that the specimens your group has inspected are genuine "proof" coins or are they spurious. A simple yes or no from Abe is desired.

What are the scientific facts on the matter as performed by Dr. Fuld? This information should carry more wait than anything else. What is the problem on the scientific results?

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Coordinator for the Special Panel on Territorial gold for the Red Book

March 8, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr
P.O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie:

As you point out, in your letter of March 4, 1966, matters concerning the USAOG pieces are getting quite confusing.

It is not likely that our group will be in a position to give a joint opinion by March 20, as you desired. Two members of the group are now ill, but one of them has just given his opinion to the group nevertheless. Another member of the group has not recently communicated on the subject with any other member of the group so far as I know. Abe Kosoff writes as you indicate and his conflict of interest puts him in an odd position.

There are a number of scientific findings which have been made by different members of the group and all members of the group are aware of many of them.

I suggested that each member of the group write a separate opinion to be opened simultaneously by the group to see if the group had or could form a uniform opinion or not. That is where the matter rests at the moment. We were invited into the group and therefore are trying to be loyal to it.

There are however factors which are at work to prevent any opinion from being given and you sense this too. We are dealing with a most delicate situation which must be handled with care and propriety. If our group doesn't act it should be dissolved. We have tried to preserve the status of the group, but over one and one-half years is a long time for a group not to arrange for any joint action.

I will keep you advised.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
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May 7, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

This missive is in regards to the Paul E. Garland 1853 U. S.ASSAY OFFICE, double eagle (900thous.) in so-called "Proof" condition. You are quite familiar with the matter in regards to his piece that he desires to return to Tom Ryan.

Recently Mr. Leo A. Young, President, PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC. in a letter dated May 6th. to Mr. Garland, requested that the coin in question be sent to Mr. Young for his own investigative work.

My question is, "has your Committee examined the Garland specimen?". If so, please let me know. I doubt very much if you are in a position to inform me of your find$ings on this particular item, however, according to the remarks from Mr. Garland, someone along the line, undoubtedly a person or persons from your Committee, has informed him that his coin is not a genuine "proof".

In any event, I will be looking forward to your comments. I am pleased to a degree that this matter is coming to a head ... only hoping that it is not settled out of court before all the facts are buried too deep.

Apparently much pressure from John J. Ford, Jr. was applied to Dick Yeoman, as Dick informed me that the "beware of spurious specimens in proof" after the Assay double eagle has been taken out of the next Red Book. I believe Dick based much of that on the fact we didn't get an opinion from your group. This could have been the final factor in deleting the comment.

Looking forward in hearing from you on this matter. Wishing you and yours my very best wishes, I remain,

Most cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Coordinator
SPECIAL PANEL ON PRIVATE ISSUE GOLD FOR THE RED BOOK

Excuse the brightness of this letter

The Midas Touch

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 13, 1966

Mr. Monnie Marr, Coordinator
Special Panel on Private Issue Gold for the Red Book
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Monnie:

Your May 7, 1966 letter raises many questions and we hope we can be of some help. Apparently you have been in contact with Leo A. Young, President of PNG.

Several members of our study group have seen and studied the Garland and many other 1853 $20 USASU pieces. The nature or source of the comment which reached Garland, whether first or secondhand is not for us to untangle, but he certainly knows of "Beware of spurious specimens in proof" which your panel put in the Red Book, of our study group's research on the subject and of other matters mentioned in Garland's May 10, 1966 letter to Young. Neither I nor this organization has given any opinion because I am still part of a study group which I was asked to join. I have urged for a long while that a joint opinion of our study group should first be attempted and if unable then the members should not be bound by group loyalty.

We believe that the removal of the "beware" comment in the 1966 Red Book from the 1967 edition is easily understood. Your panel put the comment in the 1966 edition and you apparently sent all members of your panel the text before doing so. For the 1967 edition you asked for our group's opinion and because of illness, etc. of members of our group we could not get it to you within the limited time granted. The Red Book wants to do the right thing and sought guidance in this matter.

Garland, as you know, has written many letters and has sent carbons to the press and to more and more people. He is obviously very irritated. This problem may be embarrassing to PNG and ANA if the press asks why it was not

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Mr. Bonnie Carr, Coordinator
Special Panel on Private Issue Gold for the Red Book

taken up. We believe FED should set up an arbitration immediately if it has the right and power to do so. Harland's request to the AMA may be reinstated or broadened, regardless of FED.

This matter, in our opinion, should be handled by a dignified and fair hearing somewhere. It has involved so many people that even a return of Harland's money at this time may be construed in various ways. If you have any further suggestions, please let us hear from you.

We hope our thoughts are helpful.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By_____
Eric P. Newman, President

CC: Mr. Paul Harland
CC: Study Group

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June 23, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

At this time will it be possible for you to make a singular comment on the USAOF 1853 (900thous.) double eagles. That is so say, whether or not any specimens you have examined during your investigation have proven to be "spurious proofs" or re-strikes?

As Coordinator of the special panel on Private Issue Gold for the Red Book, it is of vital importance for our Committee to know if our present "beware of spurious specimens in proof" beneath these pieces is justified.

Any information or statements you desire to make will be of great value to our Committee.

Any information on the subject will be held in confidence until the Paul Garland matter is settled, however, if the Garland affair is settled out of court, we donot desire to have any pertinent info-mation you have die because your facts were not requested.

Please, at your convenience, let me know you feelings on the matter, I remain,

Most cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Coordinator Special Panel on Private Issue Gold for the Red Book

St George's Hotel

Langham Place London W1 Langham 0111

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3/July/66

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Tulare Calif

Dear Ronnie

The content of your recent letter was enlarged to me and I appreciate your confidence in continuing to ask for an opinion on the USAOG matter for the Red Book. I was sad that this Red Book comment was being dropped for the coming edition.

As you are aware, I understand that there is a reasonable likelihood of a restriction on the Cleveland specimen contrary despite pronouncement by PRG price division and I may be asked to be a witness there. Under these circumstances an expression of feelings at this time would be inadvisable regardless of my confidence in your integrity. Should this case arise any that phase of proceedings would be to my advantage to have reviewed my position without influence.

In the meantime, this may be good since my last letter to you is that I feel strongly that has gone by happened to justify any member of our study committee to be free to express his opinion.

I am sure you understand the above expression of position.

Best, sincerely yours

Kenneth E. Landgraf

Phone [illegible] Number Elliott Sq

[illegible]

A Trusthouse Hotel

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
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July 5, 1966

Mr. Paul T. Garland
[illegible] Tiger Avenue
[illegible], Tennessee 37801

Dear Mr. Garland:

I have a copy of the letter recently mailed you by Leo I. Young in regards to my visiting [illegible] representative in the [illegible] area.

Since I have no one to guide, and desire for truth, I would be happy to assist in any manner possible. As your representative I can assure you that any [illegible] would be pleasant.

May I also state that Mr. Taylor [illegible] is a fine man that possesses a high degree of honor and integrity.

I [illegible] this situation [illegible]. The collection must be [illegible] with.

I will be [illegible] for the next few days and can [illegible] a telephone [illegible] or [illegible] please [illegible] to contact [illegible], you may do so.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr

cc: Ervie T. Jensen

The Midas Touch

Paul E. Harland
[illegible] Main [illegible] Ave.
Marysville, [illegible]
Phone 5[illegible]-[illegible]-[illegible]

10 July 1965

Mr. Bonnie Barr
P. O. Box 1113
[illegible], California [illegible]

Dear Bonnie:

This letter will serve to verify our phone conversation of the other evening, in that I asked you to represent me as my representative in the arbitration to be conducted by the [illegible], between Tom Ryan of Chicago, Ill. and myself. The certified copies that are being sent to others will also notify them of this request and of your agreement to be my representative.

May I express my thanks to you as all know of the great interest that you have personally in territorial [illegible] and of your personal integrity. I do not think that I could have found a more qualified man.

I have noticed a degree of [illegible] on the part of the [illegible] to have anything to do with this arbitration. If it is proper I wish that we could have them represented in some manner at this meeting or throughout the arbitration. I know that it is not a police organization but I think it is their duty to participate. In fact I think this would meet with the approval of Tom Ryan. I do not want this to appear as strictly a contest between Mr. Ryan and myself. This just happens to be the point where the line is drawn. I have never thought that he intended to defraud me in any manner, instead it is my thinking that he became involved in this matter the same as I. That is through the lack of knowledge.

Above all it is my sincere desire that we accomplish something that will be of benefit to nudibranchs. This has been one of the major roadblocks and I hope that we can remove it for good.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Harland

Paul E. Harland

cc-file
Geo W. Young
Eric W. [illegible]
Matt Rothert
Fargo Russell

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August 4, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

During the forthcoming ANA convention in Chicago, the time and place will be given you sometime during the affair, your testimony will be requested in regards to the "PROOF" 1853 (900thous. fine) United States Assay Office of Gold double eagle that a Mr. Paul Garland of Maryville, Tennessee purchased from a Mr. Tom Ryan of Chicago, Illinois.

As you undoubtedly know by now an Arbitration Panel has been set up to work the Garland-Ryan matter out. Any and all information you can supply our Panel in this matter will be greatly appreciated, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman
ARBITRATION PANEL FOR THE GARLAND-RYAN PROBLEM

cc: File

The Pick-Congress

Michigan Boulevard at Congress Expressway

CHICAGO 5 ILLINOIS

Eric P. Newman

The Arbitration Panel for the Garland-Ryan Problem will meet Friday, Aug 19, 1966, at 3:00 P.M. sharp in room # 948 (North Elevator) of the Pick-Congress Hotel.

Your presence is requested.

Rossie Lan, Ch.
Arbitration Panel

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August 21, 1965

Mr. Ronnie Carr, Chairman
PNG Arbitration Panel
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, California

Re: Hartland vs. Ryan

Dear Ronnie:

In the above matter, I believe one or more of the arbitrators indicated that the following would be requested from John J. Ford:

Pictures of $20 [illegible] 900 fine in gold
(Ford #tg122)

Pictures of $20 [illegible] 900 fine in gold
(Ford #tg 123)

Pictures of $20 [illegible] 900 fine in silver
(Ford #T47/P-11b)

Leather punches and other items Ford stated he had from the Humbert Associate Source.

The arbitrators may also wish the three-above mentioned coins and the lead coins to be submitted but the pictures already taken of these pieces is adequate for the study group at present. Perhaps four 8x10 prints of the first three Ford items is enough to pass around.

As instructed by the arbitrators, I will endeavor to obtain from George Fuld the negatives of the pictures which he had taken so that prints can be made for distribution. Please let me know how many prints you feel are needed for the arbitrators and for others as the study group already has prints of the Fuld photos. We have additional negatives from which positives can readily be made for distribution.

We look forward to receiving a copy of the transcript of the oral testimony as soon as it is prepared.

Very truly yours

Eric P. Newman for
ERIC P.NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

cc: Lester Merkin ,
New York
Herbert M.Bergen,
Fullerton,Calif.

FORM #105

MEMORANDUM

TO P.N.G.Arbitration Panel

FROM Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society

August 26,1966

Dear Ronnie,Herb.and Lester:

A somewhat clarified and revised comment on the USAOG matter is enclosed in place of the first draft which was given to you. There is no change in substance. No copies of either have been given by us to any of those present at the hearing except yourselves and instructions will be awaited from you on this point.

Eric

for ERIC P.NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
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August 26, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6150 CecilAvenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for yours of the 22nd.

I have written to John J. Ford, Jr. today requesting the items you made mention of in your letter. Also for 8x10 prints of the first three Ford items. I have a strong feeling that John is going to be most cooperative in this matter.

It would be exceedingly helpful if you would send pictures identical to those you used at the Chicago hearing. If three (3) sets could be sent so that each member of the Panel would have a set for examination, it would be most desireable.

I shall send you a copy of the oral testimony as soon as possible.

You shall be advised of the next hearing as soon as a date has been set by the Arbitration Panel, I remain,

Most cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman
P.N.G. Arbitration Panel for the Garland-Ryan Problem

cc: Lester Merkin
Herbert M. Bergen

JOHN J. FORD, JR.
Numismatist
176 HENDRICKSON AVE.
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L.I., N.Y.

October 7, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr
P. O. Box 1113
Tulare, CA 93274

Dear Ronnie:

This is my first opportunity to answer your letter of August 26th, in which you request three copies each of the photographs that I had with me at the Chicago meeting of your arbitration panel.

Please be advised, that as much as I would like to oblige you at this time, I would prefer not to submit these photographs until they can be accompanied by many others, in an orderly progression. Individual photographs with inadequate captions and explanations are of little value. I doubt that I will need the two years that Mr. Newman required to submit evidence and data, but I would appreciate your giving me the time to obtain coins and photograph them, and to conduct my own investigation. I promise you, and the other members of the panel, they will each get a complete set of my photographs with complete and comprehensive data attached.

Thanking you for your patience and understanding, I remain

Very truly yours,

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn
cc: Lester Merkin
Herbert M. Bergen

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 13, 1966

Messrs.

Ronnie Carr, P.O.Box 1113, Tulare, California
Herbert M. Bergen, 604 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, California 92632
Lester Merkin, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Gentlemen:

As arbitrators for the Professional Numismatists Guild in the above-mentioned matter, you asked for a set of photographs to be sent to each of you relating to my testimony at the hearing in Chicago on Friday, August 19, 1966. These are sent to you under separate cover. The numbers on these photographs are referred to in the written material which you have on file. As you suggested, copies of that written material have tentatively been withheld from the principals and others pending instructions from you in that regard.

The pictures consist of:

Pairs of Nos. 1,3,5,6,7,9,12,13,14,16,19,20,21,22,23, 25;

Uniface #24;

An extra enlargement of a part of the obverse of No. 6;

Edge view of Nos. 2, 6 and 7;

X-ray defraction photo of Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7;

Jumbo size reverse portions of Nos. 5, 13 and 14.

We would appreciate being advised as to what you plan as to a continuation of the hearing. If we can be of any further service to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By Eric P. Newman

bc:
Mr. Paul Garland
Mr. John J. Pittman
Dr. James O. Sloss

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October 14, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr,
P. O. Box 1113,
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie:

Your letter of October 11th came at the same time as the letter of October 13th from Eric Newman in which he advised that photos of coins questioned in the Garland vs. Ryan dispute are in the mail to us. Mr. Newman appears to be as anxious as we are to know how soon we can go ahed with the hearing and reach a verdict.

It is my opinion that this case should be closed and the decision of the arbitration panel announced at the next convention of the ANA in Miami next August. This means all evidence must be in the hands of the panel several months before that date. If an earlier closing date can be arranged it will certainly be in the best interests of numismatics.

Since you and I both reside in California we could meet at any time that Lester Merkin can come to California. The only time that I am now scheduled to be away from home for any length of time is late December when I plan to go to Washington, D. C. for the holidays, and again in February when I will attend an ANA Board meeting in Colorado Springs, - no exact date set yet. However, I am always on call to go to Montana on business, so I must know ahead of time when our panel will meet. In any event, I will leave all meeting arrangements in your hands and will do what I can to conform.

I would like to arrange a conference with you after seeing the photo material from Eric Newman. I will phone you for a meeting time and place.

Sincerely

Herbert M. Bergen

cc: Lester Merkin
Eric Newman

RONNIE CARR

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November 28, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

The next meeting on the GARLAND-RYAN matter will be held on February 9, 1967 at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, during the forthcoming convention of the Numismatic Assocation of Southern California.

At this hearing it is hoped to have testimony and evidence presented by John J. Ford, Jr.

By writing directly to Mr. Eric P. Newman, you may now obtain a copy of his testimony that was given during the A.N.A. convention at Chicago. (THIS HAS BEEN SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE: LIST ENCLOSED WITH A LIST ALSO OF THE PEOPLE WHO THE PANEL FEELS SHOULD HAVE A SET OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS)

It has been decided by the Panel that anyone may ask questions on this matter if they do so through the Chairman of the Panel.

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman ARBITRATION PANEL ON THE GARLAND-RYAN MATTER

TRANSCRIPTS TO THE FOLLOWING IF THEY SO REQUEST THEM:

Paul E. Garland
Tom Ryan
Ralph Jacobson (Atty. for Ryan)
John J. Ford, Jr.
Paul Franklin
Abe Kosoff
Walter Breen
Art Kagin
Leo A. Young
Marcel Silton
Dr. V. Clain-Stefanelli

PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE FOLLOWING IF THEY SO REQUEST THEM:

Paul E. Garland
Tom Ryan
John J. Ford, Jr.
Walter Breen
Leo A. Young

December 2, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr, Chairman
Professional Numismatists Guild Panel
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 28, 1966.

You may have assumed that members of the study group with which we were originally connected already had copies of my testimony but they never had. Since Abe Kosoff is authorized to request a copy, I believe Mr. James Sloss and John J. Pittman, who attended the hearing and who were members of the study group, should also have the right to request copies. Would you advise me and them accordingly.

We would like to put the following wording on the testimony, if you approve:

> "This testimony is circulated only for the purpose of study as authorized by the Arbitration Panel of the Professional Numismatists Guild and on condition that during the course of the proceedings the contents thereof are not to be disclosed in whole or in part to anyone without permission of the Panel."

John J. Ford's pictures of his three U.S.Assay Office $20 pieces (two in gold and one in silver) were mentioned in the hearing and we would like to have prints of these furnished for examination simultaneously with the pictures assembled by the study group. Similarly, the Arbitration Panel asked for certain other items to be submitted to it several months ago and it would be helpful if pictures of these items were furnished to both parties to the dispute at this time.

We do not have on hand extra prints of all pieces mentioned in the testimony nor do we have enough of such

Mr. Ronnie Carr, Chairman
Professional Numismatists Guild Panel

of the prints to furnish if a number of requests are made. We would therefore like to have the right to have the use of the pictures shared.

Please advise us as to the foregoing items.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

bc:
Mr. Paul Gerland

December 2, 1966

Mr. Kenneth Barr, Chairman
Professional Numismatists Guild Panel
P.O. Box 2113
Vista, California

Dear Kenneth:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 28, 1966.

You may have assumed that members of the study group with which we were originally connected already had copies of my testimony but they never had. Since the Guild is entitled to request a copy, I believe Dr. James Ziegler and John D. Pittman, who attended the hearing and who were members of the study group, should also have the right to request copies. Would you advise me and then accordingly.

We would like to put the following wording on the testimony, if you approve:

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John J. Ford's pictures of his three U.S./Navy Office EPO pieces (two in gold and one in silver) were mentioned in the hearing and we would like to have prints of these furnished for examination simultaneously with the pictures assembled by the study group. Similarly, the Arbitration Panel asked for certain other items to be submitted to it several months ago and it would be helpful if pictures of these items were furnished to both parties to the dispute at this time.

We do not have on hand extra prints of all pieces mentioned in the testimony nor do we have enough of such

 December 2, 1966

Mr. Dennis Carr, Chairman
Professional Numismatists Guild Panel

of the prints to furnish if a number of requests are made. We would therefore like to reserve the right to have the use of the pictures shared.

Please advise us as to the foregoing ideas.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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[illegible]

[illegible]/[illegible]

bc:
Mr. Paul Gerland

December 5, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr, Chairman
Professional Numismatists Guild Panel
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Ronnie:

With respect to the continuation of the hearing on the above matter, the arbitrators might wish to know more about two unique U.S.Assay items, each of which seems to contain the same text panel as the piece under consideration and also some of the same number punches as were used on the six lead Assay pieces of which you have photos.

The first item is the 1853 one ounce disk illustrated in the Red Book in the 1960 through 1965 editions, a photocopy of which page is enclosed.

The second item is a$35.80 bar 807 fine, found on an undated advertising circular of New Netherlands Coin Company, Inc., a copy of which circular is enclosed. The unusual language of the advertising circular (particularly the first paragraph) is also found in the advertisement on the inside of the front cover of the July, 1959 NUMISMATIST but the illustration is changed; (see photocopy enclosed).

You may wish to ask whether these pieces came from the Humbert Associate source; who now owns them; and whether they can be examined. You may also want to ask about how one devises "a system of unearthing numerous unique pieces"; and also whether or not "most fabulous items imaginable" should be interpreted literally as meaning "fictional".

The foregoing matters may be relevant to the merits of the dispute and I feel they should be called to the attention of the arbitrators. I will send copies to the other arbitrators if you wish me to.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/a tb

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California
Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

December 6, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for yours of the 2nd.

I certainly agree that John J. Pittman and Dr. James Sloss should have copies of your testimony. I merely assumed that they each had same as members of the study group. I shall at this date advise them to make requests personally to you. (4)

I fully agree to the insert of your paragraph four (4) to all copies of the testimony. Such is proper and none of your testimony should be disclosed in whole or in part to anyone without permission of the Panel.

Requests of photographs and material will be made by our Panel to John J. Ford, Jr.

Please request that when possible your extra prints of all pieces mentioned in the testimony be shared. In view of the shortage I shall loan my set to Walter Breen.

Thanking you for your splendid cooperation in this matter, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman Professional Numismatists Guild Panel
FOR THE GARLAND-RYAN MATTER

(4) I apparently omitted them on your list. However, I wrote to them mentioning the fact they could request copies from you.

P.S. Received a nice letter from Paul Garland also well with us again.

JOHN J. FORD, JR.
Numismatist
176 HENDRICKSON AVE.
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L.I., N.Y.

December 6, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr
P. O. Box 1113
Tulare, Calif. 93274

Dear Ronnie:

I have your letter of November 28th, concerning the next scheduled meeting on the "Garland-Ryan" matter, which you say will be held in Los Angeles, next February, during the forthcoming Convention of the Numismatic Association of Southern California.

Please be advised, that I am not attending this particular Convention, as Mr. Jon Hanson, of our staff, has already made arrangements to do so.

Even if Mr. Hanson was not going to represent New Netherlands at this Southern California Convention, I doubt whether I would be in a position to present my data on the controversial issues of the U. S. Assay Office of Gold. To begin with, I feel that it is somewhat presumptuous to expect me to do an adequate job on the required investigation in less than a number of the time given Mr. Newman and his associates. I promised to try and do the very best job possible, and I can not do so without examination of all the coins required. Mr. Newman has sold several USAOG pieces since last winter, and Mr. Kosoff tells me that the proof 1853 coin from the Bell sale will not be available until next spring, and then under qualified circumstances.

I see no point in attempting to give the results of my investigation piecemeal. I would prefer to present the information in its final and as complete a manner as possible, and I would think that you will agree with me.

I appreciate the fact that my name is on a special list to receive a set of the photographs produced by Mr. Newman. I look forward to receiving them when available.

The only question I have to ask on this entire matter, is how do you expect me to do a job without any cooperation?

Very truly yours,

JJF:dn

John J. Ford, Jr.

cc - Leo Young.

December 3, 1966

Mr. Leo J. [illegible]
3044 Grand Ave.
[illegible], Calif. 94610

Dear Leo:

I have copy of your letter of December 6th, to [illegible] concerning the so-called "Garland-Ryan" problem.

To begin with, Eric Newman has [illegible] that one [illegible] the Ryan brothers; in fact, I understand that [illegible] pieces, that could be called contraband and [illegible] that literally. Secondly, in last letter to [illegible], copy to you, mentions that I have not been [illegible] "full report" specifics from Mr. Ryan for [illegible] presumably will not be able to do so, until next [illegible].

Mr. Ryan has not made any effort to communicate with [illegible] since his allegations were made in Chicago. He has certainly made no effort to put any coins at my disposal for examination. In fact, his actions are quite to the contrary. Mr. [illegible] do no real effort to ascertain the complete contents of the Franklin discovered hoard of 1,000 pieces prior to the [illegible] meeting, nor did he make any attempt to discuss the matter with [illegible] or myself.

I am not more at the rate of speed in this situation than I am at liberty to. This is a highly complex situation, and while I do not intend to procrastinate, I do need enough time to do a job right. Not only must I see many possible specimens [illegible] that I did not know a record of, but I must photograph all these pieces and then analyze the photographs and [illegible] to [illegible] in institutions, data in the [illegible] and recorded in the various Government Record Centers. As I have said, [illegible] I do deal with this, I must pay a little attention to our business.

If Mr. Garland does not have the patience to wait until [illegible] I have [illegible] as far as necessary, I will [illegible] [illegible] positive. [illegible] no further, and as to [illegible] I have all [illegible], we will only make report [illegible] on the authenticity of the coins [illegible] not [illegible] by our coins so.

I should tell you, that I have no intention of communicating with Mr. Warren, as his behavior in this situation to date, has been, in my opinion, utterly disturbing.

I am trying to be fair. Lee, and certainly know that you and Dennis are. I have borrowed coins from various people, [illegible] including Gary Fordon, have had my work with them, and returned them. Anything that you can do to enlarge on the facts your [illegible] gives, even above, would be very much appreciated. I am probably willing to carry out the [illegible] logical conclusion, but I do need time. I have spent a [illegible] on it, I want to date, and still must travel to various parts of the country to obtain information and to [illegible] potential. My main complaint to date, is that it has been [illegible] difficult for me to see the [illegible] coins. I do not [illegible] any cooperation (or even courtesy) from Mr. Warren and am not disappointed in that regard.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

JJ/ran

John J. Ford, Jr.

cc - Dennis Carr

December 11,1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare Calif.

Re: Garland v. Ryan

Dear Ronnie:

Since my name was mentioned twice in the December 6,1966 letter to you from Leo A. Young as president of the P.N.G. I want to consider whether to reply to the comments concerning me. I would like for you to send to me a copy of the letter which you or the Arbitrators wroteto John Ford requesting submission of certain items to the Arbitrators and any reply which you may have received.

I would also like a copy of the November 28, 1966 letter from John Ford to Leo (copy to you) in which cooperation is mentioned.

Naturally if you reply by letter to Leo's letter of Dec.6,1966 I would appreciate a copy.

May I hear from you promptly.

Kind regards,

Eric P. Newman Numismatic
Education Society

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California
Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

December 13, 1966

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Ave.
Rockville Centre, New York

Dear John:

Many thanks for yours of the 6th.

I have noted your comments that you feel Eric P. Newman and Abe Kosoff are not cooperating fully with you in regards to your photographing certain USAOG 1853 double eagles. I believe you are entitled to photographs of these coins that you desire to examine and I have written to both Newman and Kosoff requesting that each of them forward to you the necessary enlargements of all pieces you want to examine. I'm sure that they will comply with my request. This certainly should suffice.

I am somewhat upset that you state you have no intentions of attending the February hearing of our Panel in Los Angeles. It was fully expected of you to have some evidence to present at that time. Perhaps when you receive the photographs of the pieces from Kosoff and Newman, you will be in a better position to present your case. Please advise at your earliest convenience.

I also will again request that you forward our Panel photographs of the various pieces I have on two other occasions requested. This is needed for study immediately.

I do hope you will reconsider attending the LA meeting, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman FNG Special Panel on the CARLAND-RYAN matter

cc: Mr. Leo A. Young
Mr. Eric P. Newman
Mr. Herbert N. Bergen
Mr. Lester Merkin

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
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December 13, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for yours of the 11th.

As per your request please find enclosed four (4) letters sent to me by John J. Ford, Jr. Please make yourself photocopies and return the originals to me at your earliest convenience.

I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman PNG Special Panel for the GARLAND-RYAN matter

Encl. (4)

10/7/66 Ford to Carr
11/28/66 Ford to Young (Carr's copy)
12/6/66 Ford to Carr
12/8/66 Ford to Young (Carr's copy)

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December 13, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for yours of the 5th. and the enclosed photocopies of the Assay pieces.

Please send a copy of your letter of the 5th. and the photocopies of the Assay pieces to Herbert Bergen and Lester Merkin so that they may study them.

Other comments in yours of the 5th. have been noted and we shall act accordingly, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman FNG Special Panel on the GARLAND-RYAN matter

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California

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December 13, 1966

Mr. Leo A. Young
3244 Grand Ave.
Oakland 10, California

Dear Leo:

Many thanks for yours of the 6th. in regards to the GARLAND-RYAN matter.

The misunderstandings between Mr. Paul Garland and myself have been remedied. He now understands my methods in attempting to bring this matter to an honest and fair conclusion within a reasonable time.

I note that you now feel we are not obtaining anything constructive and worthwhile in investigating, answering and settling the many problems connected with the Garland-Ryan matter. At this point I could not agree with you at all. We have accomplished much on the situation and will continue to receive full cooperation and a final settlement.

Mr. Garland has been advised as to how things now stand. He plans to attend the February meeting at the Statler Hilton in Los Angeles.

I have written to Abe Kosoff and suggested that he send John J. Ford, Jr. a photograph of the "Proof" USACC 1853 double eagle. This certainly should satisfy John if he desires to be cooperative.

I fully expect John J. Ford, Jr. to present all the facts he has to refute the statements and testimony given by Eric P. Newman so that our Panel can decide on evidence given as to the genuineness of the coin in question. To my way of thinking, John J. Ford, Jr. should above all others make the most effort to see that his opinions and evidence is given.

Any coins that Eric P. Newman might have in his possession are there so that they cannot be tampered with. Naturally he is not of the opinion, I'm sure, that they should be given out with the posssiblility of their not being returned. I have suggested to Mr. Eric P. Newman that he send photographs of any pieces he has in his possession to John J. Ford, Jr. for his examination. Likewise, I fully expect the same cooperation from John J. Ford, Jr. in having photographs sent to our Panel for examination. I make note here and now that John J. Ford, Jr. has on several occasions refused to send me any photographs. This is not full cooperation from John J. Ford, Jr.

I have written to parties involved to have pictures sent to all interested parties. Please write to John J. Ford, Jr. and suggest he begin to cooperate by sending the Panel the photographs I have requested, I remain,

Cordially, Ronnie Carr, Chairman PNG Panel on the GARLAND-RYAN matte

Dear Leo: Forward the messages. Say I know he not wants to be fair & fair. I feel the Panel will be fair. I know I am the Panel. Best wishes. Ronnie

The Midas Touch

A.N.A. No. 46932

C.S.N.A. No. 1050

December 19, 1966

Mr. Herbert M. Berger
604 N. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, California 92632

Mr. Lester Merkin
515 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Re: Harland vs. Ryan

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions dated December 13, 1966, from Ronnie Carr as Chairman of the PNG Panel, we are enclosing herewith copies of our letter to Ronnie Carr dated December 5, 1966 with copies of the photocopies enclosed therewith.

Best Holiday Greetings.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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CC: Mr. Ronnie Carr

December 19, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Ronnie:

Thank you for your many letters dated December 13, 1966.

We have endeavored to comply with the instructions in them and enclose copies of our letters.

We are also returning the four items you loaned us for photocopying.

We would appreciate copies of the Panel's earlier requests to John Ford for data for the Panel, as we want to be in a position to refer to them in view of the circumstances.

Best Holiday Greetings,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

Eric
atb

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California

Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

Dear Eric:

Do you wish me to mail the pieces mentioned below for study? If so, please advise at your convenience, I remain,

December 22, 1966

Cordially,

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
[illegible] Ave.
Rockville Centre, L. I., New York

Dear John:

Many thanks for yours of the 12th. which contained the following:

1. 1851 Schultz & Co. half eagle, over-struck on 1840 Mexico 8 Reales, Durango Mint. Lanman plaster.

2. 1861 half dollar, similar "original" of the CSA issue. Lanman plaster.

3. 1861 half dollar, a similar plaster; 1861 USA restrike.

I notice mention of sending me a complete set of additional enlargements, a listing of these reveals the always and pressure of the two gold pieces either USA or CSA pieces [illegible] as of this date I have not received the photographs.

The three pieces you sent me will be studied and returned at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles this coming February, providing our Panel is finished with them by then. If not, they will be mailed to you shortly afterwards.

Trusting the photographs our Panel desires are on their way, I remain,

Most cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman TNG Panel for the GARLAND-RYAN matter

cc: Mr. Leo A. Young

The Midas Touch

December 27, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to John J.Ford,Jr., completing the delivery of pictures you asked to be sent to him.

We have asked him for prints of each side of the three USA0G coins he owns. We saw and made notations from pictures he had in Chicago of these coins. If sets are sent to you, we would like to examine a set on its way toone of the arbitrators.

Your willingness for us to examine and return the two machined coins with inset electro faces and the regular electro is appreciated. Please send all three phonies to us.

Am I to gather from your December 22, 1966 letter to John that he said that he would be present in L.A. in February?

Happy New Year,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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Enc.

Professional Numismatists Guild, Inc.

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December 27th, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Carr
P.O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie:

I have been in hopes of seeing you in person and perhaps discuss the U.S.A.O.G. problem.

I am in receipt of a letter from John Ford, dated December 22nd, as well as a carbon copy of his letter to you.

John Ford states that, he cannot answer the allegations and the charges that have been made unless he can examine weight, photograph, take specific gravity tests, etc., of the various coins in questions. Mr. Ford further states that his work and research and answers to the various charges is being held up due to the refusal to send the various coins to him.

I am only indirectly involved in this problem myself, my desire being, as I have expressed to everyone concerned, the finding of the truth in this matter and the removal of reasonable doubt pertaining to the coins, if possible.

Mr. Ford also states that, Mr. Newman has been able to study and examine the coins in question over a period of many months. He further states, he has not been able to do this, which is very unfair to him, since some of the allegations covered points about the coins in question which would involve considerable research on his part.

John Ford further states he stands ready to do this work and investigating and to present his case before your panel when he is finished, providing he can get the coins.

It would appear that an impass is at hand.

Ronnie, what solution, if any, do you see? Will it be possible for Mr. Ford to examine the coins in question?

Sincerely,

LEO A. YOUNG - PRESIDENT - P.N.G.

cc: Schwartz
Eric Newman
~~Max Schwartz~~
Ford

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
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January 4, 1967

Dear Eric:

Enclosed the three (3) pieces sent to me by John J. Ford, Jr.

I am quoting a portion of his letter to me of the 12th. of Dec. in regards to the coins in question. I have underlined the most interesting remarks.

1. 1851 Schultz & Co. Half Ealge, over-struck on 1847 Mexico 8 Reales, Durango Mint. Sandwich electro, weight 480.7 grains. Made from the unique original, May 1, 1955 - May 7, 1955, by a New York jeweler upon request of Paul Franklin. This piece can be readily detected by a cursory examination of the edge, the two silver shells being clearly visible.

2. 1861 Half Dollar, simulated "original" of the CSA issue. Sandwich electro, wight 172.5 grains. Made by a New York jeweler, October, 1956, upon request of Paul Franklin. This piece is better made and more carefully finished than the above. The two joints on the edge where the silver shells meet the ground down half dollar have been carefully filed and silver plated repeatedly in an effort to remove the two edge seams. The reverse has been partially tooled in an effort to remove the obvious signs of die rust. This piece can be easily detected by its weight which is about 17 grains lighter than the known originals. In addition, careful examination of the reverse with a glass discloses rust on the cap and on other areas. (which was not removed)

A regular electro, from my reference collection of false coins, of the CSA half dollar restrikes is also enclosed for comparison.

End quote.

It seems to me that from the above it quite obvious that Paul Franklin ~~was~~ at the time, owned the original Schultz & Co. over-struck on 8 Reales piece. At the Chicago hearing I was of the impression that Paul Franklin himself made the above two pieces. Now it seems this is not so, at least according to John J. Ford, Jr.

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr

The Midas Touch

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
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January 4, 1967

Mr. Leo A. Young
324 Grand Avenue
Oakland 10, California

Dear Leo:

Many thanks for yours of December 27th. Forgive the delay in answering but the last week has been spent quite fully with personal matters that needed my attention.

I am in contact with Lester Merkin and Herbert Bergen on the problems at hand. I cannot give you any definite answers to the present situation until I hear from them. I have made to them my opinions and recommendations. If they agree to them then I shall write the decisions to all concerned.

I can assure you there is no impass. This matter will be continued until it is settled. Let there be no doubt in your mind about that.

I hope to be in your area shortly and will stop in to discuss the USAOG matter with you personally. Trusting all is well with you and yours, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman PNG Panel for the OAKLAND-RYAN matter

cc: Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
Mr. Eric F. Newman

P.S.
Under seperate cover I am mailing to you the three (3) pieces sent to me by John Ford, Jr. (Electro specimens) Please return as soon as possible. I desire to have them inspected by Lester Merkin and Herbert Bergen.

R.

RONNIE CARR

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Friday

Dear Ernie:

Enclosed a photograph of the tee Tommy might that he obtained from John J. Farrell Jr. The reverse is blank.

You may keep this photo for your reference collection of _____?

Cordially

The Midas Touch

January 10, 1967

Mr. Ronnie Carr
P.O.Box1113
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie:

Thank you so much for the photographic enlargements of the two gold and one silver USAOG items which John J.Ford,Jr. sent you.

The pictures of the gold items seem to conform in detail to the Garland, etc. piece without the lump under the T of UNITED and the pictures of the silver item seem to conform in detail to No. 6, etc. having the lump under the T of UNITED.

It would be well to know the number of reeds on the edge of each of these coins.

Thanks also for the photograph of the USAOG bar belonging to Leo A. Young. It would be helpful to know if the panel containing the words "UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE OF GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA 1853" is the identical size of the panel on the $20 USAOG 1853 pieces. It would also be interesting to know if the large counterstamped numbers conform in size to those on the US Assay Office gold disk or on the lead pieces.

These new items are very important to us in our studies.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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atb

January 10, 1967

Mr. Ronnie Carr
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4, 1967 enclosing Ford's two false Confederates and one false Schultz counterstamp. You also advised me that you wished Lester Merkin and Herbert Bergen to examine these three fakes, also. Since I plan to see Lester Merkin at the A.N.S. meeting, in New York, on January 14, 1967, I will turn over these three to him for study, along with a photocopy of your letter.

In your letter you stated that it seemed obvious that Paul Franklin, at the time of the making of the false Schultz counterstamped piece, owned the original genuine one. I believe that Abe Kosoff testified at the Chicago hearing that he owned the original; that John J. Ford, Jr., borrowed it, and that to Kosoff's great surprise a short while later, Ford showed Kosoff the reproduction when returning the original. Ford stated at the Chicago hearing that he had turned the coin over to Franklin, who made the copy. As I recall it, Franklin testified that he had a co-worker at Polerad Electronics, do the machining of the central portion of the two laminated or sandwich electros but declined to name that employe when I asked for an identification. Abe Kosoff can clarify what he knows.

As John J. Ford said in his letter of December 12, 1966, the reverse face of the Confederate Half Dollar sandwich electro has been altered by tooling. This tooling can be noticed by comparing the reverse of the sandwich electro to the reverse of the routine electro. It is particularly evident between the front and the back of the lower edge of the cap where rust spots have been ground away on the sandwich electro and on the two border scallops opposite the space between ER in AMERICA where the rusted area has been ground away on the sandwich electro. These minute alterations show what skilled polishing can be done.

The two sandwich electros are very special false pieces since they both have genuine coins as their central lamination and have had their faces machined off so that their edge reeding or milling can appear normal after new electrotype faces are fused on.

Thank you, very much, for the opportunity of examining these pieces.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

Schultz lamination..... Sp. gr. 6.8
Confederate lamination..... Sp. gr. 7.4
Confederate electrotype.... Sp. gr. 8.9

CC:
Mr. Lester Merken
Mr. Herbert Bergen

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RONNIE CARR

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January 11, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

You mentioned during our last telephone conversation that you were thinking of sending me the three (3) USAOG double eagles that are on loan to you from the Kagin Brothers.

Since pressure is being placed on you for these pieces, I would like to suggest that you send them to our panel for study. As you have already made a complete examination of them, and your findings made available in your report, perhaps the Kagins feel that you no longer have any valid reason to retain them, however, our Panel would now like to study them.

At your earliest convenience I would appreciate having you mail the three coins in question for our Panel group to examine, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. PNG Panel for the GARLAND-RYAN matter

cc: Mr. Lester Merkin
Mr. Herbert M. Bergen
Mr. Leo A. Young

P. S. Eric, by our Panel having these pieces in our possession, they are assured of being held without any pressure. Since the Kagins are PNG members I can hold them as long as I see fit. There would be little to nothing they could do but cooperate.

R.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 16, 1967

Mr. Dennis Lamm
P. O. Box 1213
Tulare, California

Dear Dennis:

Re: Overland vs. Ryan

In accordance with your letter of January 11, 1967, I have asked for written permission of Arthur Ceppo to send to you the three 920 9/800 pieces belonging to the Ryans. A telephone call indicated that permission would be promptly forthcoming.

Please do not feel that any pressure is being applied arsons me with respect to these pieces as the Ryans, when I advised them these coins were being retained for the arbitration, never made any further request to withdraw them.

The two Confederate and one Republic electro punch you sent me were turned over to Lester Merkin on January 16, 1967, in New York.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Eric

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

cc:
Mr. Lester Merkin
Dr. Herbert R. Harper
Mr. Leo M. Young

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January 17, 1967

Mr. Leo A. Young
3244 Grand Avenue
Oakland 10, California

Dear Leo:

I have written to Eric P. Newman in regards to your U.S. Assay Office bar since it might possibly be of the same type as the present USAOC $20 under study.

Eric write me as follows:

> "It would be helpful to know if the panel containing the words "UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE OF GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA 1853" is the identical size of the panel on the $20 USAOC 1853 pieces. It would also be interesting to know if the large counterstamped numbers conform in size to those on the US Assay Office gold disk or on the lead pieces."

Under the circumstances I believe it would be wise on your part to forward your "gold bar" to Eric for study. In the long run it could well prove to be worthwhile especially if you can learn that it is genuine beyond all doubt and if it can benefit our Panel to learn more about the situation at hand.

In any event the final decision is yours to make. Please let me know what you decide, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman NG Panel for the CARLAND-RYAN matter

P. S.

I shall be in your area for the weekend. I'llarrive Friday and leave again Monday morning or late Sunday night. This un-listed number might find me in UNION CITY at 471-5272.

The Midas Touch

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California
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January 27, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I wrote to Leo Young requesting him to send the U. S. Assay bar he purchased from John J. Ford, Jr. to you for study. I left it entirely up to him.

I received a letter from Leo dated January 24th. stating that he doesn't want to mainly because he is a collector and selfish about his collection. He enjoys the piece and showing it since there is someone at his office at least once a week wanting to look at something or another in his collection. He concludes, however, if it is a must he will ship it to you.

Leo is being somewhat childish on this. Since there is doubt who but a child would want to hang onto something that might be phony. He doesn't really care, I personally believe. He just simply has fun showing a gold ingot to people ~~that he has~~ and especially is glowing with extra pride by possessing a license.

Upon your written request or rather your desire to examine the piece, I shall inform my dear little Leo that I feel it best he ship you the item for study. He will do so and without any real fuse. I know Leo well enough that by doing so he will not be upset ... especially after I buy him a highball to forget.

Let me hear from you at your convenience, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. PNG Panel for the GARLAND-RYAN matter

The Midas Touch

A.N.A. No. 46932 C.S.N.A. No. 1050

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 31, 1967

Mr. Ronnie Orr
P.O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Ronnie:

With respect to the gold bar which is owned by Leo Young, you were nice enough to send us a picture and we wrote you that it would be helpful to know certain detail respecting it. You undertook to suggest to Young in your January 17, 1967 letter to send it to me to study and you advised that in his January 24, 1967 letter to you he declined unless it was "a must".

We may be in a situation where we feels that as President of PNG his volunteering might be misinterpreted and he needs a "must".

In view of the bar's possible relevance to the hearing, because of having the same panel style as the $20 pieces, etc., we believe it is up to the arbitrators whether or not to require the piece to be submitted in evidence. Such a requirement would be the "must". Then the arbitrators or either party could have the piece studied by whomsoever they wished.

We have not yet received the Kepins written consent, which we requested, to send you their coins which we borrowed. Perhaps they prefer "a must" rather than a request to volunteer.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

CC:
Mr. Herbert Bergen
Mr. Lester Merkin

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RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California
Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

February 1, 1967

Mr. Leo A. Young
3244 Grand Avenue
Oakland 10, California

Dear Leo:

Many thanks for yours of the 24th. of January.

Under the circumstances I would appreciate it if you would forward your U. S. Assay Office of Gold "ingot" to Mr. Eric P. Newman. It will assist both his study group and our own panel tremendously.

Please mail the piece in question at your earliest convenience, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. INC Panel for the CARLAND-RYAN matter

cc: Mr. Eric P. Newman
Mr. Lester Merkin
Mr. Herbert M. Bergen

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
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February 12, 1967

Messrs. Arthur & Paul Fagin
Hallinbeck Coin Company
Suite 100-112, Royal Union Bldg.
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Gentlemen:

At the present time Mr. Eric T. Newman is in possession of three (3) USAGF $20.00 pieces that are owned by your firm. Mr. Newman has given these coins in question such study for his study group.

During the last meeting of our panel it was felt that we should make our own examination of these three pieces. It is exceedingly important that we familiarize ourselves with these coins as well as others so that we can come to some intelligent conclusions.

At your very earliest convenience, please send in writing to Mr. Newman a release from him on your three coins so that he can forward them to me. After we have studied them they shall be returned to you.

Since you are both members of the CNA I am sure you desire to cooperate fully in this matter. As leading professional Numismatists I know that it is your aim to assist in the betterment of Numismatics. This panel looks forward in hearing from you, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. PRO PANEL FOR THE OAKLAND-ETAH MATTER

cc: Mr. Leo A. Young
Mr. Eric T. Newman
Mr. Lester Merkin
Mr. Herbert M. Herpen

The Midas Touch

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California

Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

February 12, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

It has been brought to my attention by Herb Bergen and Lester Merkin that it is exceedinly difficult to ascertain what coins go with the owners from your Chicago transcript. Will you be so kind as to send each of us the owners of each USAOG $20.00 according to the numbers from your testimony transcript, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. PNG PANEL FOR THE GARLAND-RYAN MATTER

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 16, 1967

Mr. Ronnie Carr, Chairman
Old Canal
P.O. Box 1113
Polaris, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Ronnie:

In accordance with your request dated February 13, 1967 making for the identification of the owners of the U.S.A.N.S. coins mentioned in my testimony, our files show the following:

No. 1	James Sloss	No. 14	Harry Forman
2	James Sloss	15	?
3	James Sloss	16	Kagin Brothers
4	James Sloss	17	Kagin Brothers
5	Paul Garland	18	Kagin Brothers
6	Herbert Tobias	19	Eric P. Newman
7	James Sloss	20	John J. Ford, Jr.
8	Norweb collection	21	John J. Ford, Jr.
9	Norweb collection	22	John J. Ford, Jr.
10	Johns Hopkins Univ.	23	John J. Ford, Jr.
11	Johns Hopkins Univ.	24	John J. Ford, Jr.
12	Farouk-Kosoff	25	John J. Ford, Jr.
13	Eric P. Newman		

If there is any further detail you wish, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

Eric
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CC: Mr. Herbert Harvey
Mr. Lester Merkin

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 1, 1967

Mr. Bonnie Carr, Chairman
ANA Arbitration Panel
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Bonnie: Re: Garland vs. Ryan

We appreciate your being instrumental in our receiving Leo Young's Proof One for study. It has been photographed and enlargements have been ordered.

Would you let us know whether you wish a summary of the findings prepared and filed with the arbitrators.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California
Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

March 8, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Ref.: U.S.AOG "Proof Bar"

Many thanks for yours of the 1st.

I would appreciate it very much if you would, at your convenience, present our Panel with a summary of the findings you obtained on this particular gold piece.

Our Panel certainly does appreciate your work with the coin and each of us shall be looking forward with keen interest your comments, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. PNG Panel for the Garland-Ryan matter

March 17, 1967

The Arbitrators

Eric V. Zoyman

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

As requested by your Chairman, we enclose reports on new photographs and on a proof her submitted by the arbitrators to us for study.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIC V. ZOYMAN SUPERVISOR
TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY

EVZ/cb

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California
Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

March 20, 1967

Mr. Leo A. Young, President
PNG
3244 Grand Ave.
Oakland 10, California

Dear Leo:

Ref. [illegible] 1953 [illegible] Garland-Ryan specimen

In the course of assembling testimony on the above matter, our panel has been in need of three [illegible] 1953 [illegible] specimens from the Eagin brothers. The pieces in question have been and [redacted] still are, in the possession of Eric [illegible]. Newman who ran numerous tests on them in regards to the Garland-Ryan matter. Our panel made a request to Eric [illegible]. Newman to have the three coins in question sent to me for inspection. Eric wrote to the Eagin brothers by telephone and they agreed to my request and Eric asked them to send a written release. Eric has not as of this date received any reply. Some time ago I wrote to the Eagin brothers requesting them to send a release to Eric, however, they have not done so as of date given me the courtesy of a reply.

I would appreciate you writing to the Eagin brothers and asking them to send a written release to Eric on the three pieces so that the coins can be sent to our panel for study and comparisons.

Trusting you will handle this matter at your earliest convenience, I remain.

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Mbr. PNG Panel for the Garland-Ryan matter

cc: Mr. Lester Merkin
Mr. Herbert Bergen
Mr. Eric [illegible]. Newman
Mr. Paul & Art Eagin

The Midas Touch

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California

Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

March 20, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Received your report on the Leo A. Young "proof bar" today. Many thanks for your work and opinions.

I shall write to Dr. Leland Howard shortly and request from what source did it, the Leo A. Young "proof bar", originate. It will be interesting to see what his answer will be ... if any.

Your report on the Leo A. Young "proof bar" is being held in confidence and I ask that you donot release its contents to anyone without my personal permission.

Thanking you again for all your efforts and assistance, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. FNG Panel forthe Garland-Ryan matter

P. S.

Please return to Leo A. Young, at your earliest convenience, the "proof bar". I know Leo is anxious to have it back.

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Apr 12, 1967 St Louis

Telephoned Ronnie Sax in Calif and had a long talk with him today. Prime points of things he mentioned were:

1 He was just in NY and met John Ford. Ford showed him an enormous array of textiles, pieces, unknowns, patterns #100 scraps, #100 things etc. etc.

2 Was told that Franklin left his image with his chl & because of difficulty with wife.

3 Said Stack had $10,000 worth of textiles for fee of 1 Tibas to Texas collector (Powell etc) and would litigate to get back. Stack got pieces from Ford worth around $16,000 $20,000

4. Said Stack said that I was about to change my mind on my opinion on the $30,000-40,000 Ford's Stack and that

5. Said that I was overjoyed on estimate but not on textile yield

6 Said John Ford was going to bring all books & pictures in locally at the Home Museum, but not the textiles.

7. Said that he suggested to Ford that I come up to the Land Shelter for a day and look over the stuff Ford had to see if my opinion changed. Said John said he thought I'd change. Said he is going to write John + me to try and talk us into it.

8. Told me that Environment going to the Metropolitan Museum. Said I wrote going. I also told him I personally considered it in Florida in August for the Reading.

9. Said he felt we should try to find some ways to get Ford to be interviewed with him Stack Ford + Stack and down to Lunch Dinner etc.

10 I asked how auction went. Said some of a discussion of Textiles was taken at Miami. He said they would make a decision in a day and wanted to find out from all parties concerned.

11. I told Ronnie that if Ford had anything to do with it he would do so now. I told him the right to represent Ford in the parties and exhibitions as well. He asked me what I had found out from Ford and I said I'd up the exhibitions and the parties.

12 I asked if Ford & friends had been checked to source of the cones and he said they weren't except to say Arizona.

The reason I called Ronnie was to tell him I would not be at the Metropolitan Conv and to tell him I had not heard from Rogers or Foreman and to tell them that the Tibas piece in Pettmans possession was taken for by Tibas.

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RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
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April 13, 1967

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
176 Henrickson Ave.
Rockville Centre, L. I., New York

Dear John:

Your offer to let our panel visit with you at your home to examine all the information you have in regard to the [illegible] matter was very much appreciated. I am sorry that I was the only one in a position to attend. I found the visit interesting and well worthwhile.

Our panel feels it would be a gesture of good will if you extended a similar invitation to Eric [illegible]. Newman. I know Eric has not seen any of the photos or any information you have on the [illegible] subject.

It would be appreciated by our panel if you would write to Eric and see if a date could be set up for his visit.

Your cooperation will be very sincerely appreciated, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Mgr. PSP panel for the [illegible]-Ford matter

cc: Mr. Leo W. Young
Mr. Eric P. Newman
Mr. Lester Merkin
Mr. Herbert Bergon

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California
Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

April 13, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I have a letter from Leo A. Young before me now that is dated the 12th. of April.

Leo is anxious to have his USACG "proofing ingot" back. He states that he has requested for it back both verbally and in writing. I informed Leo yesterday that you made mention to me on the telephone that the photographs taken did not turn out and you would take them again.

Please, at your earliest convenience, return the piece to Leo or explain the delay, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. PNG panel for the Carland-Ryan matter

cc: Mr. Leo A. Young

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California

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April 13, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Recently John J. Ford, Jr. invited our panel to visit with him at his home to inspect all the material he has pertaining to the USAOG double eagle matter. It was his desire to have us familiarize ourselves as much as possible with all the various dies the U. S. Assay Office used during their existence. Lester Merkin and Herbert Bergen were unable to attend, however, I spent a most interesting day with John viewing his material and listening to his comments. He certainly has a great deal of information on the subject at hand and most of it has never been published.

I personally believe it would be of great interest to you to spend a day examining the material that John has available. It would afford you both an opportunity to sit down and discuss this situation thoroughly.

John made it clear that he would welcome your visit at any time it would be convenient to you. I believe his attitude is fair in desiring to show you any material he has on the USAOG coins.

It would please our panel greatly to see both you gentlemen meet. I shall write to John tonight and hope a get-to-gether can be arranged, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. PNG panel for the Garland-Ryan matter

cc: Mr. Leo A. Young
Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
Mr. Lester Merkin
Mr. Herbert Bergen

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California

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April 14, 1967

Dr. Leland Howard, Director
Office of Domestic Gold and Silver Operations
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Howard:

This letter is in regards to a license no. [illegible]-301-38-1703 issued to a Mr. Lee A. Wong, 32[illegible] Grand Avenue, Oakland 10, California.

There is a study and investigation underway to determine the genuineness of various United States Mint Office of Gold Bullion dealer. Since the license issued there on the "roofing input" is also of the same firm, I would appreciate knowing how you determined the genuineness of the "roofing input". Such information is not available to the information as to the source of the "roofing input". There was it originated. Our report thus only [illegible] if you purchased by Mr. Wong from John J. Ford, Jr., of Rockville Centre, New York.

Your attention in this matter will be most sincerely appreciated, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chairman Professional Numismatists Guild panel for the Investigation and Study of the Garland-Ryan matter

cc: Mr. Eric P. Newman
Mr. Herbert Bergen
Mr. Lester Merkin

Professional Numismatists Guild, Inc.

THIS CORRESPONDENCE FROM

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April 14th, 1967

Ronnie Carr
Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie:

I am most pleased and gratified by the tone and text of your April 13th letter, copy of which I've just received.

Also, I am pleased that you spent the time you did with John Ford.

As President of P.N.G., and as the initiator of the so-called Garlan/Ryan Panel, I can hope for no more than a thorough, impartial assembly and study of all facets and all sides of this problem, before your group renders an opinion.'

Your letter is the most tangible evidence yet supplied to me of your own thoroughness and impartiality. Please do continue along this desireable course.

I am sorry the other members of the Panel could not have accompanied you on your visit to John Ford.

Your letter, mentioned above, was written to Eric Newman.

I do hope that Eric will accept John Ford's invitation to call on Ford and study the material Ford has accumulated.

This would then give Eric time for thought and study of this material, should he want to dispute or refute any of it at Miami, A.N.A. this Summer.

You should have the copies of my Proofing Bar License by now.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD, INC.

BY:
LEO A. YOUNG - PRESIDENT

cc: Ford, Merkin, Bergen, Newman, Kosoff, Schwartz

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California
Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

April 14, 1967

Mr. Leland Howard, Director
Office of Domestic Gold and Silver Operations
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Howard:

This letter is in regards to a license no. OD300-TCL-32-1603 issued to a Mr. Leo A. Young, 324h Grand Avenue, Oakland 10, California.

There is a study and investigation under way to determine the genuineness of certain United States Assay Office of Gold double eagles. Since the license issued above on the "proofing ingot" is also of the same firm, I would appreciate knowing how you determined the genuineness of the "proofing bar". Most important to our panel would be the information as to the source of the "proofing bar". Where did it originate? Our record shows only that it was purchased by Mr. Young from John J. Ford, Jr., of Rockville Centre, New York.

Your attention in this matter will be most sincerely appreciated, I remain,

Sincerely,

Bernie Carr, Chairman Professional Numismatists Guild panel for the Investigation and Study of the Garland-Ryan Matter

cc: Mr. Eric P. Newman
Mr. Herbert Bergen
Mr. Lester Merkin

The Midas Touch

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

Sep 12, 1967

Messrs.
Bennie Herr
Herbert H. Harper
Lester Merkin
Arbitrators

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Gentlemen:

In our March, 1967 opinion that the proof bar belonging to Leo A. Young was false we stated that we would send photographs of the bar. Such enlargements are enclosed.

The diagnostic die break on the punch used to stamp the lower panel of the bar can be noticed between the bottom of AS of ASSAY and the top of L in GOLD; as a lump at the center of the lower edge of the L in GOLD; and as a lump on the lower left edge of the second C in FRANCISCO. This same die break when further developed is found on genuine USA$20 coins struck with a complete die, proving the cut down punch used on the bar is false. The same die break both further developed and less developed is also found on false USA$20 pieces made from dies transferred off the false master hub in the course of the attempt made to grind the die break off of the false master hub.

As heretofore pointed out the same die break in different stages of development would not appear on two or more genuine dies or punches.

Respectfully submitted,

for
ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 24, 1967

Mr. Herbert H. Morgan
604 S. Harvor
Fullerton, California 92632

Dear Herb:

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

I have just been advised that the Excello Corporation, of Detroit, makes an optical comparator known as an Excello Contour Projector. This instrument can project an enlargement of two coins, depending on the screen size, to a sufficient degree to make comparative measurements between different points in the design of coins.

If the arbitrators have an unquestionably genuine 1853 U.S.A.P.620 piece and can compare it to the Garland piece they might find that the distances between points of the design on the Garland piece are approximately 3% shorter than the same distances in a genuine piece. This would occur from the shrinkage in the course of cooling of a cast metal die unless certain complex corrections were made to avoid this. In other words, the existence of smaller measurements will prove that a coin was struck from a cast die. This could not relate to the diameter of the planchet or the collar as those parts are unrelated to the die dimensions.

The Slater Tool and Gage Company, 2805 So. Tabor, Los Angeles, telephone: 213-723-7251, has such a comparator in its Sales Room and will permit it to be used. The Slater people also have a list of installations of such comparators in the Los Angeles area. Information as to Slater was obtained from the Detroit office of Excello, who indicated Slater would be glad to cooperate.

The suggestion that an Excello comparator would be effective in determining minute differences in measurement has come from John J. Pittman, whom we asked to look into the matter several months ago.

Sincerely yours

CC:
Mr. Dennis Carr

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Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California

Telephone 686-2924
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May 25, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
4450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I spent yesterday with Herb Bergen discussing the Garland-Ryan matter and he made mention of a letter from you that he would appreciate some clarification. Apparently he is somewhat confused with your terminology in a letter pertaining the Assay "Bar" belonging to Leo A. Young. I would appreciate you writing or telephoning him at your convenience to clarify the matter.

I received a letter from the office of Dr. Leland Howard in regards to some questions I put to him about the license he issued to Leo on the "Bar". His office has referred me to Dr. Stefanelli. Now I have got Stefanelli on the spot with the same questions. As of this date no answer from Stefanelli, however, I'm sure I shall hear from him eventually.

Best regards, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. PMG Panel on the Garland-Ryan matter

The Midas Touch

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 31, 1967

Messrs. Carr, Bergen and Merkin,
as Arbitrators

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Gentlemen:

In our attempt not to be "long winded", a portion of our letter of May 12, 1967 with respect to Leo A. Young's proof bar (#29) may have been ambiguous. We are glad to comply with Konnie Carr's suggestion for a clarification.

As part of the die break on the lower panel of the proof bar, lumps are evident on the lower edges of the L in CALIF and the second C in FRANCISCO, but under high magnification, however, there are no hair line die breaks across the field between those letters or in the field below the C, as is normally found on the reverse of genuine USA50 coins with a die break. The bar shows no evidence of wear in the panel area. This indicates that those portions of the hair line die break in the field have been artificially polished off the false hub from which the false panel punch was made. These same portions of the hair line die break are also polished off on those false USA50 pieces of the same type as the Garland piece (#5).

It has been pointed out that the same die break cannot occur on different dies, yet the same die break in various states of development appears on the bar, on the false Manhart Associate coins and on many genuine pieces. This happened because the original coin from which the false hub was cast had a die break. The false Manhart Associate pieces have the die break in two stages, one barely perceptible and the other well developed. The die break in the panel of the bar is a stage in between those two stages. This took place in the course of making false transfer dies at different times from the false master hub when continued attempts were being made to polish away the die break from the false hub. The panel punch, being a trimmed false coin die, shows a die break which appears less developed than false USA50 coins #6, 14, 28 and 31 and appears more developed than false USA50 coins #5, 7, 16, 26 and 27. The false reverse hub starting with a well developed die break produced the die for #6, 14, 28 and 31, then after further hub polishing the false punch for the bar (#29) was made and finally after extensive hub buffing the false reverse die for #5, 7, 16, 26 and 27.

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May 31, 1967

Messrs. Carr, Tarpen and Parrin,
as Arbitrators

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

If any further explanation is needed we will try to elaborate.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric

Eric P. Newman Numismatic
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 29, 1967

Messrs. Carr, Morgan and Morkin,
as Arbitrators

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Gentlemen:

We feel that you should be advised that Harry Forman, owner of the 1853 DATED $20 piece (#1b) which we concluded was false, has just become able to comply with our request to send us for examination a second specimen he owns. This specimen is dull, uncirculated, and is normal in weight. It is designated as #31. Its reverse is remarkably double struck, the first striking being almost upside down relative to the second striking. The coin is also the only $20 DATED coin which has its final reverse upside down. (If its obverse is turned on its vertical axis the reverse is turned 345 degrees clockwise instead of 180 degrees).

It has the same obverse and reverse die states as #6, 1b and 24. It has 170 reeds on the edge instead of 162. It has the diagnostic diagonal dent on the frame under the F of CALIFORNIA and the reverse die break. Its obverse has the raised diagonal line under the last A of AMERICA. It is a forgery for the same reasons given previously for other coins with the same characteristics.

Forman advised us that it was acquired for $900.00 from Robert F. Batchelder, a coin dealer of Philadelphia, and that it might have come to Batchelder from Paul Franklin.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 12, 1967

Mr. Bonnie Carr
P.O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Bonnie:

A month has gone by since your letters of April 13, 1967 were sent out. In your letter to John Ford on behalf of the Panel you asked him to write me to invite me to visit his home to see US#26 material. I feel that I should report to you that he has not communicated with me.

We feel that if he or anyone else has further evidence relating to the controversy it should have been or should be submitted only in a manner which will permit the arbitrators and the parties to the dispute to examine it, have it studied, and ask questions of the person presenting it.

The work of all concerned would be simplified if written statements, pictures, coins, etc. were filed with the Panel.

Thank you for keeping me advised.

Sincerely,

Eric

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

CC:
Mr. Lester Merkin
Mr. Herbert Bergen
Mr. Leo M. Young

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 19, 1967

Mr. Dennis Carr
Mr. Herbert Morgan
Mr. Lester Merkin
Arbitrators

re: Garland vs. Ryan

Gentlemen:

A letter dated June 13, 1967 from the Kagins (copy enclosed) requests that we send their three 1853 U.S. Proof $20 pieces to John Ford. These pieces are designated by us as #16, #18 and #19.

In your letter to us dated January 11, 1967, and referring to these pieces, you stated that the "Panel would now like to study them" and we wrote on January 16, 1967 requesting the permission of the Kagins to send them to you. (Copy enclosed). We received no reply from the Kagins up to their June 13, 1967 letter.

Since the Panel desired to but never has examined these pieces and since the Kagins are 200 miles, we would like to know whether compliance by us with the June 13, 1967 request of the Kagins is now in accordance with the Panel's wishes.

May we hear from you promptly.

Sincerely,

Eric

for
ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

cc:
Mr. Herbert Morgan
Mr. Lester Merkin
Kagin-Schlimbach Coin Co.

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RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California
Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

June 21, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
4450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I have a letter dated June 7th. from Dr. Stefanelli. Interesting comments from this letter are: "WE COULD NOT FIND FACTORS PROVING THIS PIECE TO BE A MODERN FABRICATION AND, AS ROUNDED, WE CAN NOT CONSIDER A FAKE UNLESS WE CAN PROVE IT TO BE NOT AUTHENTIC. I ALWAYS TRIED TO FOLLOW THIS PRINCIPLE." Next paragraph reads: "Edward Sachs once quoted Dr. Joseph Wood, who in turn repeated a lesson he had learned from his teacher Furtwangler: 'If you are absolutely convinced, say so. If you are in doubt, and you pronounce a coin to be genuine which later on turns out to be a fake, it will be considered as an error, and it will be forgiven eventually. But if you pronounce a coin to be a fake which later on turns out to be genuine, that will always be judged as a crime'". End quote.

In another letter dated June 14th. from Dr. Stefanelli, he states that the origin of this piece is information which is part of the official ANSCA files and it is up to them to release this data.

I have written to Ruth W. Dickwell, Officer in Charge, Office of Domestic Gold and Silver Operations requesting the pedigree on the Hubert gold bar.

Any comments on Mr. Stefanelli's remarks? I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr

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RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California
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June 26, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6150 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I have before me yours of the 19th. pertaining to the written release by the Magin's to have their three (3) USMC specimens sent to John J. Ford, Jr. for examination.

It was my understanding with the parties concerned that the three (3) Magin specimens were to be sent to me for our Panel to examine, however, their release to John J. Ford, Jr. first is acceptable with our Panel providing that the Magin's give written consent to have John J. Ford, Jr. forward the same three (3) specimens to our Panel at the immediate conclusion of his tests on them. If such an agreement can be made with the Magins, then our Panel will meet with approval on their release to Ford.

I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. TMC Panel for the Marland-Ryan matter

cc: Mr. Leo A. Young
Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
Messrs. Paul & Art Magin

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
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June 26, 1967

Dr. James O. Sloss
1125 Third Street
Beaver, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Sloss:

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr. is, through Harvey Stack, having non-destructive X-Ray Fluorescence tests made on the original seven (7) Herbert source USAOG specimens to determine their alloy or composition. These tests will be done by Mr. Cornelius Vermule, Curator, Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass., 02115. The costs of postage, insurance et cetera will be paid by Stack's. Mr. Stack assures you that the work will be completed as soon as possible and that each coin will be returned directly from the Museum to the sender.

Our Panel would appreciate having you forward to Mr. Cornelius Vermule your USAOG "Proof" double eagle that was figured so importantly in the matter before us now. Your cooperation will be greatly thought of as it is quite important to have both sides in this situation have their opportunity for examining and testing the coins involved, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. FNG Panel for the Garland-Ryan matter

cc: Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
Mr. Eric P. Newman
Mr. Leo A. Young

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California
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Area Code 209

June 26, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
4450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I have a copy of your letter dated June 22nd. to John J. Ford, Jr.

To be quite frank I was somewhat surprised by your letter to John Ford, Jr. You made no mention of whether you would accept his invitation to have you visit with him. (Letter dated June 22nd.) I thought his invitation to you was most friendly and cooperative. I had expected a more warm reply to him from you. In your letter to John Ford, you make mention of numerous points that are up our Panel to judge the merits of their importance. If Ford and Franklin donot disclose the Wunderl source, our Panel will say that lack of evidence, however, most of the points you made mention of in your letter to Ford, are points that our Panel will make.

I fully realize your eagerness to obtain all the information possible on this matter, however, the main issues are under study and one point was to get you and John Ford together at his home. It seems to me that in the past you have been of the opinion John Ford would not offer you an invitation to his home to examine his material and information. You have stated such to me by telephone and by letter. Now John Ford has given you a formal invitation and our Panel would certainly appreciate hearing from you that it has been accepted in good faith as I am sure it was given to you in good faith by John Ford.

In your letter to Ford dated June 22nd. I find no mention of you accepting his offer or even a mild thank you for making the invitation. Trusting you shall find it in your heart to pay John a visit and discuss the NSACC matter in detail under friendly circumstances for the benefit of all peoples involved and Numismatics in general, I remain,

Most cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. PNG Panel for the Garland-Ryan matter

cc: Mr. Leo A. Young
Mr. Lester Merkin
Mr. Herbert Be

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A.N.A. No. 46932

C.S.N.A No. 1050

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 14, 1967

Mr. Ronald Carr
P.O.Box 1113
Fresno, California

re: Darland vs. Ryan

Dear Ronald:

I fully understand your reaction to our suggestion that it would be preferable for John Ryan to send the material to Mr. Louis for study rather than for me to visit his home in New York. I realize that you felt that such a visit might be helpful to the arbitration. Similarly, I believe the reasons should be outlined for our position in our letter to John dated June 22, 1967 and our letter to you dated June 12, 1967.

1. The idea of an invitation for me to visit New York did not originate with John but was initiated at your request. (Ford to Carr 5/19/67). Your letter to John dated April 13, 1967 caused him to write me to visit him but he did not act upon it. The letters to you and to me dated June 19, 1967 ignore your April 13, 1967 letter entirely and refer to your May 30, 1967 letter as if it were your first request. Over two months elapsed between the time you wrote him and the date the invitation came and it is now inconvenient for me to go.

2. John has already refused to give to the arbitrators address information on the coins in question. He has had over two months to submit the desired facts. If John had ever given you or me assurance that he would disclose all of the pertinent facts at his disposal then our position would be different. Now I realize that I am to be told and shown only some selected facts and not all of the available facts justification for the trip is doubtful.

3. John cannot be considered to be an impartial witness in his letter as he sold some of the coins and he owns some of the coins. He wants to discuss with me what he calls "allegations" in our report. I could be justifiably criticized for discussing these matters with him under these circumstances when neither the litigants nor the arbitrators had the opportunity to be present.

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

Item 1 June 3[illegible], 1967

Mr. Dennis Carr

Re: Cleveland [illegible]

1. Numismatics is an avocation to which I devoted almost [illegible] hours. A careful study of coins and currency takes much time and the use of special equipment. Even a simple thing as counting coins takes, for example, is most tedious and time consuming. In St. Louis we have available [illegible] material and assistance; [illegible] and enlarging devices; a large medical [illegible]; other [illegible] for numismatic photography equipment; and, above all, [illegible] time to study and research observations and make conclusions. Doing work on coins in St. Louis is much more practical than trying to work for a limited time at home. If there were any research or any big material could not be sent to St. Louis, then our position would be different.

I regret the quantity of letter writing and also more effort could be devoted to book finding.

Sincerely yours,

Eric

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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P.S. [illegible]'s letter of June 2[illegible], 1967 just arrived and indicates that he is not planning on [illegible] anything to do in St. Louis for study.

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cc:
Mr. Lester [illegible]
Mr. Herbert [illegible] Bergen
Mr. Leo A. Young

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Post Office Box 1113
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July 3, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
4150 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Received today the test report and certification from the MAGNETIC VERIFICATION COMPANY of Glendale, California, on the Garland NEAGS specimen (Exhibit A) and our own brilliant uncirculated specimen (Exhibit D). Results are as follows:

Exhibit A (Garland)	Outside diameter of coin measures	1.35852 high 1.35812 low
	Thickness of coin at center	.02437
	At rim of coin	.02576
Exhibit D (Carr)	Outside diameter of coin measures	1.34595 high 1.34512 low
	Thickness of coin at center	.0801
	At rim of coin	.0801

The report goes on to state, "We hereby certify that coins were measured on a Pratt & Whitney Measuring Machine that the said coins were calibrated in conformance with MIL-I-6858 and MIL-STD-45662a. We further certify that equipment is traceable to the National Bureau of Standards NBS cert. no. 212.21/129840."

Please keep this information in confidence, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, CHM. PNG Panel on the Garland-Ryan matter

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Should we have measured the distance between design points rather than the overall coin diameter? Please advise.

The Garland specimen is thicker and of greater diameter than my specimen.

The Garland piece weighs 33.47 grams, 516.5 grams

July 11, 1967

Mr. Ronnie Carr
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Ronnie:

You wrote to the Office of Gold and Silver with respect to any provenance of the Leo A.Young gold bar and I presume you have not as yet had an answer.

We wish to call your attention to the Freedom of Information Law which went into effect on July 4, 1967. This law guarentees the right of every citizen to information with respect to Federal Agencies. The burden of proof is on the Federal Agency to show why information is withheld.

You previously asked the office and they referred you to Dr. Stefanelli and now Dr. Stefanelli has referred you back to the Gold and Silver Office, again. If you feel that they have had a reasonable time to answer, you might wish to call their attention to the new law.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 11, 1967

Messrs.
Dennis Herr
Lester Merkin
Herbert M. Fergen
Arbitrators

Re: Harland vs. Ryan

Gentlemen:

(1860) Coin #6 in our report has the helical marks of a lathe tool. It was shown that these tool marks were on the planchet before striking. The tool marks are an identical distance apart at all visible paths (approximately .008 inches) and therefore resulted from a tool which was advanced by an automatic crossfeed when the planchet was being rotated. We have never been able to locate any other coin with such characteristics.

While we have not found evidence of any automatic crossfeed lathe being used in America by 1853, the idea was patented in England in 1835. However, for such a lathe to have been in California in 1853 is almost an impossibility due to the lack of development of manufacturing there by that time. The reason it would have had to be in California is that Coin #6 was struck at a time when the serifs on the E of TWENTY, the E of AMERICA and the E of UNITED on the obverse die had already disappeared due to the closure of these parts in the die and when the reverse die had already broken in the lettering - all of these characteristics having developed from the use of the dies for production coinage in California.

Since our original report touched on this subject so lightly, these additional considerations are added.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

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July 19, 1967

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
176 Herrickson Avenue
Lockville Centre, L. I., New York

Dear John:

Have yours of the 13th, before me for an ruling.

I just received a letter from Paul Kagin stating that the three (3) specimens being held by Eric P. Newman can be sent to you for examination and then to our panel for study. As far as I know Eric Newman has sent the pieces to either you or the Kagins. I wrote to Eric and requested that a release not be given unless the Kagins care their written consent to have the three pieces sent to our panel as well.

What Mr. Alosi does with his specimen is, of course, his own business. If he does not desire to send the coin to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, there is nothing our panel can do.

To the best of my knowledge Eric P. Newman will not attend the A.N.A. convention in Miami Beach. His reasons [redacted] for not being present I do not know. I agree that Eric Newman should be present and a carbon copy of this letter will be sent in a form of request that he attend.

The date has not been set for the hearing. This will not be done until the first day of the Convention. I must select a time that will not conflict with either Herb Bergen or Lester Merkin.

If you desire to have a court reporter present at your own expense, I see no [redacted] reason why you cannot do so.

It is also agreeable to have Harvey Stack appear as a witness for Tom Ryan.

Your attorney Mr. John F. Finn, Jr. is most welcome to be present.

If you have any additional questions please let me know what they might be and I shall endeavor to answer them, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. PNC Panel for the Garland-Ryan matter

cc: Mr. Leo A. Young - Lester Merkin - Herbert Bergen - Eric P. Newman

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RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
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July 20, 1967

Mr. Erik T. Mocken
[illegible]
St. Louis [illegible]

Dear Erik:

I would appreciate hearing from you in regards to the recent Optical Generator tests that we had made on the Garland-Ryan USAOC bottle sample. It would be helpful to our panel if you will explain the significance, if any, of the glass being so much thicker and larger in diameter than the CAED specimen. That leaves the weight on the Garland specimen, however, as you, we didn't have the weight on the CAED bottle. Will this be of assistance?

Any comments you care will be useful. I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. Int'l Panel for the Garland-Ryan matter

P.S.

It certainly would be important to our panel if you could be at the hearing in Miami Beach during the Continuing ANA convention. John [illegible], will be our attorney there and desires to cross examine some of your previous testimony. I will not allow any battle of attorney's, however, he will, undoubtedly bring up some conflicting testimony and it would be of great assistance if you were there to answer. It would have some persuasive value available that can produce authoritative records. Consider please.

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 26, 1967

Mr. Ronald Carr
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Ronnie: Re: Garland vs. Ryan

In your letter of July 20, 1967 you asked if we could explain the significance of the Garland specimen being thicker and larger in diameter than the Carr specimen.

We have never seen the Carr specimen and do not have any details concerning it. However, when a coin is 900 fine with respect to gold, the impurities weigh 10% (100 fine) of the coin's total weight. If there is more silver as an impurity in one gold coin or more copper as an impurity in another gold coin these coins would have different specific gravities and a different cubic volume even though their weight was the same, silver having a higher specific gravity than copper.

The collar used in the striking of the Garland piece has large spaces in between its 170 reeds while the Carr piece probably has much smaller indentations in between its 167 reeds. This might affect the thickness because the volume of the coin is changed by the amount of metal needed to fill the reeded space. Since the coins were each struck in different collars, the outside diameter of the collars would deviate.

It was the position in our testimony that a false collar with the wrong number of reeds was used in striking the Garland coin and this collar produced reeds which are trapezoidal in cross section with inclined sides of remarkable straightness.

We hope these thoughts will help you in analyzing your measurements.

Sincerely yours,

Eric

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CC: Mr. Lester Merkin
Mr. Herbert M.Bergen

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July 26, 1967

Mr. Ronnie Deer
P.O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Ronnie:

In your letter of July 19, 1967 to John J. Ford and in your letter to me of July 20,1967, you stated that you would like to have me present in Miami during the August 8-12 period. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend.

Last year I was asked to attend the International Numismatic Congress which begins August 28, 1967, in Copenhagen, and was subsequently asked to give a paper in addition to writing up American numismatic research progress. I had to use my own and my wife's vacation time for the trip to Europe and must be back Labor Day in connection with my regular employment. Therefore, in January, my wife and I arranged to buy a car and tour seven countries behind the Iron Curtain during August.

We are sure you realize that for one year since the hearing began in Chicago, in August, 1966, we have tried to answer and have stood ready to answer, to the best of our ability, all inquiries concerning our testimony or otherwise relating to the Arbitration. The fact that others have withheld questions so long is not of our making.

Sincerely yours,

Eric

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CC: Mr. Lester Merkin
Mr. Herbert N. Bergen

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 7, 1967

Mr. Bonnie Orr, Chairman
P.O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Bonnie:

I have been informed that further evidence was submitted in the above-mentioned matter at the hearing in Miami Beach during the A.N.A. Convention. A portion of this evidence, apparently, related to matters included in our testimony and reports.

Would you, therefore, be kind enough to furnish us with all evidence submitted at that hearing so that we may review it and make a further report to the arbitrators if that is desired.

Very truly yours,

DAVID T. ROWAN SECRETARY
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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CC: Mr. Lester Merkin
Mr. Herbert M. Morgan

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Sept. 9, 1967

Mr. John A. Ford, Jr.
[illegible] Ave.
[illegible], L. I., New York

Dear John:

I have before me a letter dated September 7, 1967, from Mr. Eric F. Newman, who declares to have a transcript of the testimony you gave before the A.M.A. Convention in Miami Beach, Florida.

[illegible] a number of your reviewed related to Gerbard Eckstein in the Eric Newman report, it is the opinion of our [illegible] that you should, at your earliest convenience, send a complete transcript of your report to Eric F. Newman. [illegible] certainly continue to review your comments especially those such as your testimony was [illegible] by them at earlier [illegible] meetings.

[illegible] this letter is for [illegible], I [illegible]

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Dir. [illegible] Fund for the Gerbard-Eckstein matter

cc: Mr. Eric F. Newman
Mr. Herbert L. Bryden
Mr. Lester Merkin

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Dear Eric: Oct. 10, 1967

Have yours of the 6th.

[illegible]

Wrote to John again requesting a transcript be sent to you. His attorney thinks can't [illegible] you anything. Mr. John Time, Jr. doesn't think much of you according to his four page letter. Best,

[illegible]

GREATER SAN JOSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 94115

TUL [illegible] 1967 [illegible] address 95214

U.S. AIR MAIL 6c

Mr. Eric T. Hermann

[illegible]

St. Louis 5, Missouri

RONNIE CARR

(93274)
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October 12, 1967

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
176 Henrickson Ave.
Rockville Centre, L. I., New York

Dear John:

I have before me a letter dated October 5, 1967 from Mr. Paul E. Garland who requests a copy of your testimony that was given at Miami.

Please be advised that this panel requests that you forward a complete transcript at your earliest convenience. Mr. Garland is the man who made the original complaint and is certainly entitled to a copy.

It has also been over a month since Mr. Eric P. Newman made his request for a copy of your testimony. As of the above date I have received word from Mr. Newman that he has not heard from you.

This panel doesnot appreciate your lack of cooperation in the Newman matter and trusts that you shall not hesitate to cooperate in forwarding a copy to Mr. Garland.

If you dont wish to cooperate with the requests of this panel, please advise the entire panel so that we can act accordingly, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. PNC Panel for the Garland-Ryan matter

cc: Mr. Herbert M. Bergen
Mr. Lester Merkin
Mr. Paul E. Garland
Mr. Leo A. Young

Dear Paul:
The decision of the panel will be given during the February Southern California convention to be held at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles in February.
R.

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A.N.A. No. 46932 C.S.N.A No. 1050

Sent to me by Garland 11/15/67

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California

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Oct. 19, 1967

Dear Eric:

John J. Ford, Jr. has refused to comply with the request of the Panel to forward you a compl te transcript of his testimony that was given at the hearing in Miami Beach, Florida. Also his attorney Mr. John Tinn, Jr. has been sending me four letters explaining why you shouldnot have a copy. There is absolutely nothing I can do about it.

I have only my copy which includes the Hubert Source. This is classified information and the Panel has been advised not to release it.

You will notice that my hands are tied in the matter. You certainly can appreciate my position. John Ford has a copy right on the testimony and it cannot be duplicated without being considered in violation. I know the law on this matter.

Anyway, if you have any material of mine on the subject, please return at your earliest convenience, I remain,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. INO Panel for the Garland-Ryan matter

P.S. —

Certain names and situations we have discussed over the telephone and by regard mail should be kept in confidence for the safety of all involved or it could cause some difficulty within the ranks. Trust you understand.

The Midas Touch

ERIC P. NEWMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
P O BOX 14020
ST. LOUIS, MO. 63178

November 7, 1967

Register of Copyrights
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. 20540

Gentlemen:

Would you be kind enough to give me the copyright number and the date of copyrighting of "THE FRANKLIN HOARD OF UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE OF GOLD COINS", by John J. Ford, Jr.

This item was apparently filed in your office after July 1, 1967.

Your prompt cooperation will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 13, 1967

Mr. Dennis Carr, Chairman
The Arbitration Panel
P.O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

Re: Tapland vs. Ryan

Dear Dennis:

In the August, 1967 direct testimony of John J.Ford,Jr., there was submitted certain evidence which we believe can resolve the entire issue in this proceeding in favor of the claimant. It consists of a reference on page 7 to certain correspondence which is set out in full as Appendix Items 4, 5 and 7.

Item 7 is a letter dated November 9, 1952 from Paul Franklin to John J. Ford, Jr. Items 4 and 5 purport to be letters dated September, 1953 and October 18, 1953 from T. Cerff to Paul Franklin. A study of the T. Cerff letters and the facts relating to them above show them to be spurious arrangements prepared by Paul Franklin to give false pedigree to two 1920 Class A Co. coins. We have not seen the Class A Co. coins and therefore would hesitate to form an opinion as to whether they were spurious, but since they were removed from regular listing in A Guide Book of United States Coins we assume owners have challenged their genuineness.

The content of the T. Cerff letters is very contrived and artificial. The letters indicate that T. Cerff has unlimited knowledge. He points out the wear on one 1920 coin and states that the other is off center and soldered to a gold link. He notes that the 1920 pieces have the same die impression as the rare or mint Franklin. He states that these two 1920 coins "were never put in circulation" and then says he "could be wrong". His letter is hesitant in selling and yet he lets her sell the dies specimen and keep the mutilated one. He states he doesn't know if the offer of Paul Franklin is fair or not, but then states that the coin should bring a considerable amount more. After having the coin appraiser had he made the coin itself to Franklin for Ford to see.

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Page 2 November 13, 1967

Dr. Dennis Herr, Chairman
The Arbitration Panel

In: Ireland vs. Ryan

From on page 7 of his testimony correctly admits that his correspondence "seems amazing".

F. Zerff in both of his letters to Franklin gives his address as "Phoenix Arizona" and omits any street address. In 1953, Phoenix was the third largest city in Arizona, having a population of over 20,000 (18,790 in the 1950 U. S. Census and 33,779 in the 1960 U.S. Census). To omit an entire address from a letter written on paper without a letterhead would not be unusual but to put only the city and omit the street address in such important letters is most unusual, particularly when so large a city was involved.

When, however, the unusual features of the November 5, 1952 Franklin letter are compared with the unusual features of the two 1953 F.Zerff letters the following similarities appear.

1. In each of the three letters there is a semicolon after the salutation. A comma is proper in some circumstances and a colon in others, but there is no correct use of a semicolon after any salutation. For letters written by two different people to have the same error is surprising.

2. In each of the three letters there is excessive and nonuniform spacing between sentences in the same paragraph. In the September, 1953 Zerff letter there are five space units after the period in lines 11, 15 and 23 of the text, four units in lines 2 and 10 and three units in lines 5, 6, 13, 17, 18 and 20. In the October, 1953 Zerff letter there are six space units after the period on line 3, five units on line 15, four units on line 5 and three units on line 12. Similarly in the 1952 Franklin letter there are four space units after the period on line 15 and three units in line 5. Incidentally, in the 1951 Franklin letter (Exhibit Item 19) there are four space units in line 3 on the first page and in line 26 on the second page, three units in other portions, two units in others, etc. It is an unusual typewriting habit to have excessive nonuniform spacing between sentences in the same paragraph and the fact that F.Zerff and Paul Franklin both have the habit is surprising.

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1. In each of the three letters there is unnecessary and improper capitalization of words. In the F. Korff September, 1953 letter "Sister" is capitalized in line 13 and not capitalized in line 7. In the F. Korff October, 1953 letter "Sister" and "Tuesday" are both improperly capitalized. In the Franklin 1953 letter "Gold Bar" is capitalized in line 7. Incidentally, Franklin's 1951 letter (Appendix item 13) on lines 2? and 3? "New Yorker" and "Coin" improperly capitalized. This is the result of a style of emphasis by capitalization and not the result of typographical error. For both F. Korff and Paul Franklin to make the same habit is surprising.

4. In each of the three letters a comma is improperly omitted after the complimentary close. "Sincerely yours" has no punctuation following it in the Franklin letter and "Affect" and "Sincerely" have no punctuation following them in the F. Korff letters. For both F. Korff and Paul Franklin to make the identical omission of proper punctuation is startling.

5. When one compares the signature in each of the three letters one finds the F in F. Korff and the F in Franklin each to be a clumsy large block capital letter with virtually the same angular position of components and with the middle crossbar overlapping the upright in the same manner. An ordinary block capital F has its upright on the left, with crossbars to the right. The r in each signature has the same style of top, and the same style of smaller descent and the same style of angular rise toward the following letter. For F. Korff and Paul Franklin to have such identities in handwriting in the only two comparable letters common to both appear is beyond coincidence with respect to these letters and removes any reasonable doubt as to their genuineness.

It is evident in so from the five distinctive correlations between the letters of F. Korff and the letter of Paul Franklin that the F.Korff letters were typewritten and signed by Paul Franklin. He used a different typewriter and spacing. He made deliberate errors on Korff's behalf by omitting punctuation from the city and date. Paul Franklin stated at the Chicago hearing that he had only a trade school education. Therefore he

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ANA Arbitration Panel

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

could readily have eliminated the salutation and omitted punctuation from the complimentary close of letters because of lack of sufficient formal training. He could nervously have the habit of pressing the space bar on the typewriter while thinking about the next sentence as typewriter spacing habits would ordinarily result in uniform space units between sentences in the same paragraph. He had the habit of capitalizing for emphasis. He deliberately omitted the street address to deter anyone from trying to find or contact F. Korff. He deliberately used an initial for F. Korff's first name to deter anyone from further identifying him. He used ANIMS to give the illusion of F. Korff living in an area of the United States with Spanish background. The foregoing cannot all be coincidental. In the F. Korff letters there are just too many unnatural similarities to the Franklin letter and too many artificial elements to leave any doubt in our opinion that the F. Korff letters are Paul Franklin's creation.

If there were still any doubt remaining about the genuineness and reality of the F. Korff letters there is convincing evidence that no F. Korff existed in 1953 in Mesa, Arizona.

(a) The Mountain States Telephone Company's Phoenix Metropolitan Area directories cover the City of Mesa. The directories published from 1950 through 1958 do not list F. Korff or any other Korff. He could certainly have afforded a telephone as his September 1953 letter says "I do not need the money".

(b) The voter registration records for all Mesa precincts for 1953 contain no F. Korff or any other Korff.

(c) The city directories for Mesa, Chandler and Phoenix, Arizona from 1953 through 1958 do not list an F. Korff or any other Korff.

(d) The probate and divorce indices of the records of the Superior Court of Arizona for Maricopa County do not list any F. Korff. Mesa and Phoenix are both in Maricopa County, Arizona.

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Jury Deliberation Panel

<u>Re: Kirkland vs. Ryan</u>

(e) The Credit Bureau of Phoenix which covers the Tempe and Phoenix area has no file on T. Korff.

It therefore appears that T. Korff is a man that never was. He was created by Paul Franklin and a "Frankinstein" is exactly what he will be. It shows that Franklin created the Korff letters near the beginning of his numismatic manufacturing career apparently to dupe purchasers. The two 1859 $20 Pieces & 1c. pieces referred to in the Korff letters were listed by Ford in the 17th edition of the Standard Catalogue of United States Coins (1954-55) with the words "I owned" and "One of these is electrotype and lacquer". Then in the 18th edition (1957) Ford, identified in the catalogue as in charge of "Editorial Consultation and Supervision", inserted or permitted to be inserted inaccurate and deceptive language about the 1859 $20 Piece & 1c. pieces, namely, "The first specimen was unearthed by John J. Ford, Jr. in 1953, the second in 1954." "Unearthed" in a numismatic catalogue means "dug up" as many coins are so found. It does not mean merely discovered as the word is sometimes mechanically used. The more serious theory, however, is that if John J. Ford, Jr., believed the content of the Korff letters, then Ford did not discover the pieces in any event. If anyone did, Franklin discovered them.

We felt that these findings should be properly referred to the penal bodies of their effect on the criminal case of the defendant. The Panel may wish to examine the original items in the Appendix of the Ford testimony, to check other Arizona records, or to have a handwriting and paper expert examine the signature and paper of the questioned letters. The Panel may wish to re-develop this matter independently of us and we have no objection.

There are other discrepancies on the Ford testimony which in our opinion indicate that all of the Ford testimony should be disregarded as lacking veracity. Much of it which is stated as fact is either hearsay or developed to insulate Ford from Franklin. We are now making a study of all bank mergers and bank purchases in the Phoenix area from 1959 to date and this will be relevant

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Dear [illegible]

Dr. [illegible], Chairman
[illegible] Committee

November 12, 1967

[illegible] vs. [illegible]

No exceptions made on pages 11 and 12 of the Ford Stationery as to the unused privileged or to unused mens, in the Phoenix area, which merged into another unused term.

We shall be glad to clarify anything in the foregoing which you feel may need it. We enclose two extra copies for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

For
[illegible], NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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November 14, 1967

Mr. Bennie Carr, Chairman
PNG Arbitration Panel
P.O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Mr. Carr:

In reading a copy of the letter sent to you yesterday in the Garland vs. Ryan matter, I find that I did not transcribe paragraph numbered 4 of the letter properly, having omitted a portion.

I have rewritten page 3, with paragraph numbered 4 as it should have been written.

Will you be kind enough to destroy the old page 3 and substitute the enclosed page.

I am sorry for the convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ann Barrett
Secretary to Mr. Newman

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 17, 1967

Mr. Ronnie Carr, Chairman
PNA Arbitration Panel
P.O.Box 1113
Fulsom, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Ronnie:

We thought it would interest you to know that the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress, pursuant to our inquiry, has stated in a letter to us dated November 15, 1967 that their records fail to disclose a copyright registration entitled "THE PUBLIC'S GUIDE OF UNITED STATES LARGE COPPER OR HALF-DOLLARS", written by John J. Ford, Jr.

They advise us that their indices are usually six weeks late in posting and that, occasionally, this could be as much as eight weeks. Eight weeks prior to November 15, 1967 would be about September 15, 1967. Accordingly it appears that at the time of the hearing, in Miami, the so-called copyrighted material submitted by John J. Ford, Jr. was not, in fact, copyrighted even though it so states.

Very truly yours,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 22, 1967

Mr. Ronnie Carr, Chairman
PNG Arbitration Panel
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Mr. Carr:

We understand that an opinion of Walter Breen in the above matter has been written and it may be on file with you. Perhaps it is not restricted as to distribution. If any such opinion is available, perhaps a copy could be sent to us for study. Mr. Newman is out of town and suggested that I should write.

Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Garrett

Mrs. Ann Garrett, Secretary
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RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California
Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

July 26, 1967

Mr. Peter F. Weimer
[illegible] Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Peter:

I have copies of the 22nd. [illegible] to the Kennedy [illegible] as noted by Mr. Walter Dixon. Under separate cover [illegible] called the card to you. [illegible] are there [illegible] the [illegible] return of your original one.

I received the enclosed material from Mr. Ford's attorney. [illegible] return to me at [illegible]. You will note the letter is not [illegible]. I will attempt to acquire the original. [illegible] from Paul Franklin, if I can find him. Will also request the Franklin letters mentioned [illegible]. Didn't want to ask for them all at one time [illegible].

Regards,

Cordially,

Ronnie Carr, Chr. PR Panel [illegible] the Independence [illegible]

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November 30, 1967

Mr. Ronnie Carr, Chairman
P. O. Box 1113
Tulane, California

Mr. Lester Merkin
515 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10022

Mr. Herbert Bergen
604 N. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, California

Re: Paul Garland-Thomas Ryan Arbitration Regarding Genuineness of USAOG 1853 Double Eagle, Testimony John J. Ford, Jr. Expert Witness on Behalf of Thomas Ryan Sustaining Genuineness.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Carr's letter to our client, Mr. Ford, dated November 20, 1967, relative to the copyright situation, has been turned over to us for response as per Mr. Ford's answering letter to Mr. Carr dated November 24, 1967.

It is considered both improper and unprofessional during the pendency of a judicial proceeding to generally circulate evidence submitted to a judicial body relevant to the subject matter at issue in that proceeding.

Consequently Mr. Ford's report and expert opinion was not filed for copyright although it was the expectation at the time of the final hearing in August, 1967 the Tribunal would promptly and shortly thereafter render its determination permitting the forthwith copyright filing.

Pertinent Court decisions on that subject matter hold that presentation of written material to a judicial body does not constitute publication and specifically hold it does not constitute publication within the purview of the copyright laws.

It is for this reason we have heretofore been required to decline many requests by others, including Panel members, for receipt and examination of the said written material outside and apart from the Tribunal. If you will re-examine our prior correspondence with the Panel in this area you will realize this point was heretofore called to your attention.

In view of the delay in the Panel's determining the sole issue involved namely that of the genuineness of the single coin before it in this proceeding long beyond that originally contemplated and the intention to have made the copyright filing in or shortly after August, 1967 we are reconsidering this matter and if it appears the Panel's determination will not be reached and reported before the end of this year we will recommend our client forthwith file the report for copyright.

In any event the subject matter of copyright or non-copyright is a collateral matter unrelated to the single arbitration issue.

Further, in response to the request contained in Mr. Carr's letter to our client, dated November 20, 1967, regarding transmission to him on behalf of the Panel of the original Exhibit 7 in our client's report and opinion, being the letter from Paul Franklin addressed to Mr. John J. Ford, Jr., dated November 9, 1952 and pursuant to the response of our client to Mr. Carr, dated November 29, 1967 I enclose herewith to Mr. Carr the original of the aforesaid letter. This letter is sent on the understanding it will be retained by him in his possession and returned to us by registered air mail, return receipt requested, not later than two weeks after its receipt by him.

Because of the original enclosure the letter to Mr. Carr is being sent registered mail, return receipt requested.

In view of the fact the original of both of Mr. Carr's letters indicate copies were sent to Mr. Leo Young as well as to the other two Panel members we are similarly sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Young.

Sincerely,

JOHN F. FINN, JR.
For
STRASSER, SPIEGELBERG, FRIED AND FRANK

JFF:JVG
Enclosure

Mr. Carr-Registered Mail
Return Receipt Requested

cc: Mr. Leo A. Young

[illegible]

will you

Sincerely
Mrs Smith
Franklin

RONNIE CARR

Post Office Box 1113
Tulare, California

Telephone 686-2924
Area Code 209

Dec. 9, 1967

Dear Eric:

Please return.

Cordially,
Ronnie

Unused letter from
Dorothy Fowler
postmarked Dec 7, 1967

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 13, 1967

Mr. Ronnie Carr, Chairman
PNG Panel
P.O. Box 1113
Tulare, California

Re: Garland vs. Ryan

Dear Ronnie:

Enclosed herewith is a carbon copy of our letter of November 27, 1967 to the First National Bank of Arizona. There is also enclosed a photocopy of the reply thereto dated December 7, 1967.

As you will note from reading the reply, no President of a Phoenix area bank involved in a merger since 1957 ever became a branch manager of a local office of the merged bank.

The statements in the Ford testimony in that regard therefore appear to be not based upon fact.

Sincerely yours,

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Please return to me

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RONNIE CARR

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[illegible] 23, 1969

Dear [illegible]

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Sincerely,

Ronnie

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 17, 1958

Gentlemen,
Lewis Cary
Lester Merkin
Herbert T. Ferlon

Re: Garland vs. Lyon

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith are photostatic of pertinent pages of the Ponoff Sale on August 16, 1952 in which you will note items Nos. 2017, 2018 and 2019 are United States Army Office items. You will note, particularly, that item No. 2017, being identified as an Indian Experiment, is made from a Sub rather than a die. You will also note that item no. 2019 seems to have lost its beaded border. All the pieces are stated to be uncirculated and in perfect condition.

If No. 2019 could be located, and about it is in copper, it might be determined as to whether that piece were electrolytic copper or copper of the 1853 period. Perhaps you could find out who the owner is.

Item No. 2020 is a pattern in silver of a die intended for use on gold and may be of interest to you as it is a theretofore unknown die.

This famous 1952 sale also contained the 1943 Cent, in copper, with many bearing certificates and which caused the Ponoff so much difficulty and, I believe, was the basis of a law suit.

Respectfully submitted,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 8, 1968

Mr. Bonnie Carr
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, California

Dear Bonnie:

The Tosoff letter of January 25, 1968 to you is returned herewith. Thank you, so much, for letting me see it.

I am enclosing herewith a photocopy of a letter dated May 23, 1957 from John J. Ford to me, personally, in which he states that he takes yearly for western trips for Pioneer field research.

Thank you for keeping me so well advised.

Sincerely yours,

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August 12, 1968

Mr. Ronnie Carr
P.O.Box 1113
Tulare, Calif.

Dear Ronnie:

Leo Young has written that at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco, when the USA OD proofing bar was submitted to him for sale, a Colorado bar was offered to him as an alternative. He said others were present and saw both. In the enclosed copy of letter (our letter of 8/5/68 with Leo's notations) he names you as having been present. Will you advise us as to the issuer and denomination of the Colorado gold bar and if anyone else was present.

We would also like to know from you whether you own or have ever seen any Parsons gold bar and if so to give us as many details as you can.

With respect to the Parsons gold bar re Melva Thompson, she has not given the name of the antique salesman who acquired it or the estate from which it came. It has been declared false in CW 8/14/68 p. 54.

Your information will be helpful to our research.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Eric

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